

SHARE YOUR STORY

<u>Before I trusted Christ</u> — Share a little bit of your past life apart from Christ. Maybe you were a very good kid, even a religious and moral adult. Paul shared his religious life with King Agrippa in Acts 26. You do want to share that you were a sinner. Share specific things that reveal you were indeed a sinner in need of Christ; you don't need to get into gory sins here, but you do need to show your need for a Savior.

Since I trusted Christ — Share some specific things concerning how Jesus has changed your life. How much Jesus means to you. Keep Christ central — not what you are doing, but what He is doing in your life. Be realistic; Christ does not eliminate all your problems immediately. Life can still be difficult; how has Jesus' presence in your life changed how you handle those difficulties?

How I met Christ — Share the circumstances that brought you to faith in Christ. Who was the person or people who built bridges into your life to share Christ with you? People listening to your testimony should have a clear idea of how to become a Christian. Emphasize that it is through faith in Christ that you were saved. Try to avoid such phrases as "I opened up my heart to Christ," "I gave my life to the Lord," or "I prayed and received Christ as my Savior." Remember, people are saved by believing in Jesus, who died and rose again.