

WRITE YOUR FAITH STORY



You may think you don't have a faith story. You may even feel that it's not worth telling. As a child of God, you have a powerful story to tell. Your testimony is the story of how God rescued you and changed your life. Sharing how Jesus has made a difference in your life can help others discover how they, too, can know God personally.

How do you distill a lifetime of experiences into a few minutes and communicate the significance of your faith in a way that others can understand? Think of the moments in your life that impacted your faith the most. Ask God to bring those specific moments to mind. Ultimately, when you share your testimony you want to bring glory to God.

This guide will help you to develop a synopsis of your story that you can share.

BRAINSTORMING

God uses people to shape our faith journey.

Who are the people that have shaped your journey?

Ask yourself:

- Was there a particular person that God used to reach you?
- Who are the most influential people who influenced your relationship with Jesus?
- Who have you confidently relied on for answers to faith questions?

PEOPLE:



Looking back on your life, identify five moments or experiences; good or bad, big or small; that were meaningful in your journey of faith.

Here are a few questions to help you remember:

- Was there a particular experience or event that led you to choose to follow Jesus?
- What significant events or life crises have you experienced?
- Have you experienced a life event that left you feeling distant from God, or one that has drawn you closer?

EVENTS:

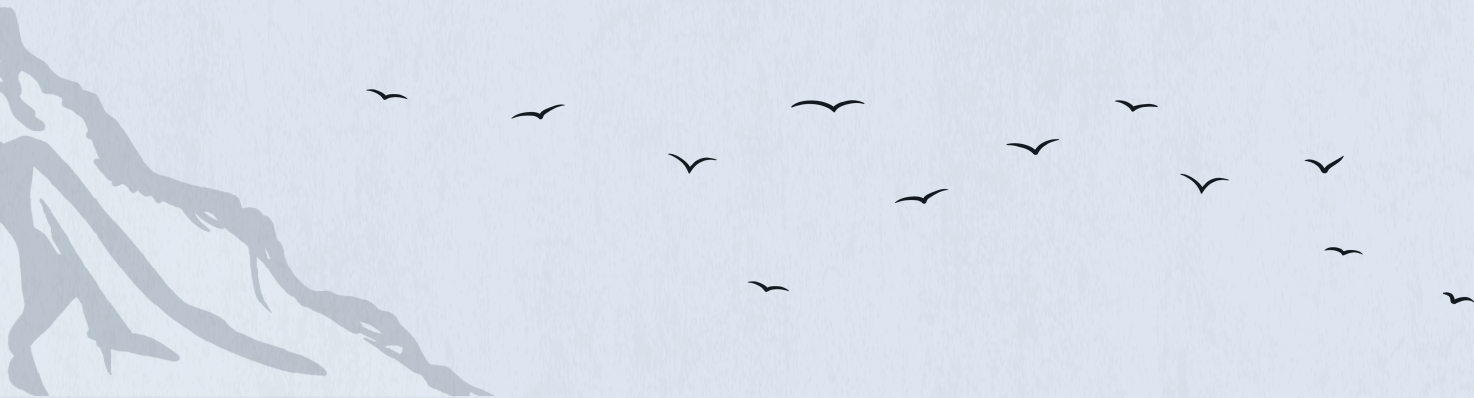


When God is working, our lives can feel like they're being turned upside down, but we come out stronger or having learned something that we can attribute to God's grace. Brainstorm the feelings and attitudes you have had toward God throughout your life.

Ask yourself:

- How did you feel about God before you began a relationship with Him?
- How do you feel about God now?
- Describe how knowing God has changed you.
- What is the greatest thing about having a relationship with Jesus?

FEELINGS:



WRITE IT OUT

Once you have your thoughts pulled together, it's time to write out your faith story!

BE AUTHENTIC

Tell your story the way it happened - be real! Your story is unique to your life, and the authentic testimony of what God has done in your life is powerful!

BE INTENTIONAL

Focus on your relationship with Jesus, not religion. Be specific. Make sure to explain what your life was like before you knew Jesus, how you came to know Him, and what your life is like now.

BE CONCISE

Try to keep your faith story to a few minutes. It's usually better to keep it short and to the point to maintain the real impact of your story.

**BUT IN YOUR HEARTS REVERE CHRIST AS LORD.
ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER TO
EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU TO GIVE THE REASON
FOR THE HOPE THAT YOU HAVE. BUT DO THIS WITH
GENTLENESS AND RESPECT**

1 PETER 3:15 NIV