

Sharing Your Testimony

“Living out your faith in Christ plants the seeds of evangelism, but being able to tell an effective story is what bears the fruit.”

Your testimony is:

Unique- It is different from any other.

Irrefutable- People can't argue with it. You are an eyewitness of what happened!

A Miracle- There is no such thing as a boring testimony, only a boring presenter! (emphasis mine)

How to develop your testimony: Before and After

Ex.- John 8- Woman caught in adultery- What single story do you think she shared with others after being forgiven? (Clarity)

Ex.- John 9- The man blind from birth- When asked who Jesus was, his reply; “I was blind and now I can see.” (Brevity- Simplicity)

Ex.- Luke 19- Zaccheus- What dominated his life before he met Jesus? What dominated it afterwards? Greed- generosity. (Humility)

Ex.- “I was striving . . . but now am grateful”. “I was self-destructive . . . but now I’m healthy.” “I was guilty . . . but now am liberated.” “Despairing . . . but now hopeful.”

“What is the main concept you want to convey to people when they ask you why you are Christian?” “What clear before and after story can you share with others who inquire as to what difference Christ made in your life?”

What one focus/fear or characteristic was true of you before you came to Christ?

What single impact did Christ have on your life as a result of trusting in Him?

Four Things to Consider:

1. Brevity- Be able to tell your story in 45-60 seconds. (100 words or less).
2. Clarity: Stick to one plot line.
3. Simplicity: Avoid Jerusalem jargon- religionesse.
4. Humility: Tell your story without being pious or haughty.