

Preparing Your Faith Story



Your testimony (personal story) of how you came to saving faith in Jesus Christ can be a powerful tool in how you share Christ with others.

Benefits:

1. It gives you more confidence in how God worked in your life. (Psalm 51:12 & 13)
2. You can share it with individuals.
3. You can share it on the first day of class along with info on your academic background, info on your family, and other interests.

Professors have the right to share their personal story of faith.

Or to avoid any perceived favor or disfavor to students, share it on the last day of class as one of the most important things you value. Again you have the right to share your perspective and what shapes your views.

Biblical Examples:

1. Woman at the Well (John 4:39-42)
2. The man blind from birth (John 9:24-34)
3. Paul (Many times)

How to Prepare your Personal Testimony

- A. Ask the Lord for wisdom (James 1:5&6)
- B. Follow a three point outline
 1. Before I received Christ – What was my life like? What did my life revolve around? What did I gain my security and happiness from?
 2. How I received Christ – When did I first hear the gospel? What were my reactions and thoughts? How did I place my trust in Christ so another could place their faith in Christ?
 3. Changes God made in my life – List specific changes in my attitudes and actions.

What motivates you?

Tips for your Testimony

1. Don't speak negatively about groups or denominations. Focus on Christ.
2. Don't use religious terms that non-Christians won't understand. Put them in a normal language.
3. Keep it to 3 – 5 minutes.
4. Share it in the power of the Holy Spirit.
5. Share it naturally in the way you normally speak. It should not be "preachy".
6. Share it with a Christian peer and get feedback.

BONUS: Check out the worksheet on page 2.

