

Your Story, God's Story

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The story of your own personal journey of giving your life to Jesus powerfully reveals Him to those yet to know Him. Write your story by using the following three-part outline and six questions. Within your story, clearly explain how you began your relationship with Jesus so that your hearer can follow your example. Limit your story to one page. Practice your story so you can tell someone in about three to five minutes.

Following Jesus is a journey of ratifying an initial decision of commitment to Him. If you became a Christian as a young child, your journey is essentially the same as anyone else's in that you continued to ratify your decision each time your commitment was tested by life. One or more of these turning points is important to describe to your hearer. Answer part B of some questions.

Note: There are different ways of describing the decision to follow Jesus: turn your life over to Jesus; receive Jesus; open your life to Him; make Him the center; decide to follow Jesus. Choose the one that best describes what happened or the one that would relate best to your hearer.

First Part: Before Christ

1. "What was your early spiritual background, and how did it affect you as you grew up—your feelings, attitudes, actions, and relationships?"
2. "What caused you to consider following Jesus?"

[2B. Or, what reinforced your childhood faith in Jesus?]

Second Part: Turning to Christ

3. "What realization or turning point did you come to that motivated you [to give your life to Jesus]?"

[3B. Or, what realization or turning point did you reach that affirmed your childhood faith in Jesus?]

4. "Specifically, how did you [give your life to Jesus (what you said and did)]?"

Third Part: After Christ

5. “How did your life begin to change [after you decided to follow Jesus]?”

6. “What other benefits have you experienced since becoming a [Christ-follower]?” [How has following Jesus affected your sense of purpose?]

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