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EASTER // AT GKM

Once upon a time.

It was a dark and stormy night.

*A long time ago in a galaxy far, far
away.*

How to tell your story

1 Peter 3:15

Acts 26

Start with the Other Person

Acts 26:2-3

1 Corinthians 9:22–23

Talk with Clarity & Confidence

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Paul used words and language his listeners would understand.

Instead of "born again", use these words:

Spiritual birth

Spiritual awakening

Come alive spiritually

Given a new life

My eyes opened

Instead of "saved", use terms like:

Rescued

Delivered from despair

Found hope for life

Instead of "lost", say:

Heading in the wrong direction

Separated from God

Had no hope

Had no purpose

Instead of "Gospel", consider using:

God's message to humanity

The good news about Christ's purpose on earth

God's message of hope for the world

Instead of "sin", try this:

Rejecting God

Missing the mark

Turned my back on God

Disobedience to God

Going my own way with no thought of God

Instead of "repent", say things like:

Admit a wrong

Change one's mind, heart or attitude

Decide to turn back to God

Make a 180 degree turn from what you were doing

Obey God

How to tell your story

Paul had confidence because he experienced the power of God for himself.

“The skeptic may deny your doctrine or attack your church, but he cannot honestly ignore the fact that your life has been changed.” - Chuck Swindoll

Paul had confidence because he knew what he believed.

Galatians 1:16-18

Organize Your Story

Life before Christ
Acts 26:4-11

How you met Christ
Acts 26:12-18

Life after Christ
Acts 26:19-23

Relate Your Experience to the Other Person

Acts 26:26-27

Your Mission is to Point People to Christ

Acts 26:22

The primary reason we remain on this planet is to reach people far from God.

Acts 26:28-29

Our responsibility is to plant seeds and water seeds. The Holy Spirit role is to convict of sins and reveal Jesus.

1 Corinthians 3:5-6

S-T-O-R-Y

Start with the other person

Talk with clarity and confidence

Organize it naturally

Relate it to the other person.

Your mission is to point them to
Christ, so they can begin their *own*
story!

Everyone can
share their story
this Easter.

1. Prayerfully select a person to invite.

2. Place a person's name on the card.

3. Commit to pray daily for that person until Easter.

Acts of the Apostles 26:1-29

1Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You may speak in your defense.”

So Paul, gesturing with his hand, started his defense: 2“I am fortunate, King Agrippa, that you are the one hearing my defense today against all these accusations made by the Jewish leaders, 3for I know you are an expert on all Jewish customs and controversies. Now please listen to me

Acts of the Apostles 26:1-29

patiently!

4“As the Jewish leaders are well aware, I was given a thorough Jewish training from my earliest childhood among my own people and in Jerusalem. 5If they would admit it, they know that I have been a member of the Pharisees, the strictest sect of our religion. 6Now I am on trial because of my hope in the fulfillment of God’s promise made to our

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ancestors. 7In fact, that is why the twelve tribes of Israel zealously worship God night and day, and they share the same hope I have. Yet, Your Majesty, they accuse me for having this hope! 8Why does it seem incredible to any of you that God can raise the dead?

9“I used to believe that I ought to do everything I could to oppose the very name of Jesus