"I HAVE A STORY TO TELL" 5-Day Devotional Guide

Day 1: Your Story Belongs to God **Reading: Psalm 66:16-20** **Devotional:** It is easy to think of your testimony as your story. But David reminds us that a true testimony declares what God has done, not what we have endured. The hardship may be yours, but the faithfulness belongs to Him. When you walked through difficulty, God was not absent. He was working. He was hearing. He was sustaining. Your story, when told rightly, points away from your strength and toward His. Today, consider the moments in your life where God showed up quietly but unmistakably. Those moments are not yours to keep. They are yours to declare. **Reflection Question:** What has God done in your life that you have not yet told anyone?

Day 2: The Pit Becomes the Platform **Reading: Psalm 40:1-5** **Devotional:** David did not write Psalm 40 from a comfortable place. He wrote it looking back at a pit he had survived. The progression he describes is one of the most honest pictures of suffering and deliverance in all of Scripture. He cried. He waited. God heard. God lifted. God established. And then God gave him a new song. That new song was not just for David. Verse 3 tells us that many would see it, and trust in the Lord as a result. Your valley was never only about you. God was preparing in you a song that someone else desperately needs to hear. **Reflection Question:** Is there a difficult season in your past that God brought you through, and have you considered how that story might help someone still in the middle of theirs?

Day 3: You Do Not Need All the Answers **Reading: John 9:1-7, 24-25** **Devotional: The** man born blind could not explain the theology of his healing. He could not answer every challenge the religious leaders threw at him. But he knew one thing with absolute certainty: he had been blind, and now he could see. That simple, unshakeable knowledge was more powerful than any argument. Many believers stay silent because they feel they do not know enough, have not studied enough, or cannot defend their faith against every objection. But a testimony is not a theological debate. It is a witness. You do not need to explain everything God has done. You simply need to tell it. **Reflection Question:** Has fear of not having the right answers ever kept you from sharing what God has done in your life?

Day 4: Your Story Is Your Ministry **Reading: Mark 5:1-20** **Devotional:** The man Jesus delivered from the grip of demonic possession wanted to follow Jesus into the boat and never look back. That desire is understandable. When God brings you out of something dark, the last thing you want to do is return to the people and places that remind you of it. But Jesus redirected him with a clear and purposeful command: go home, and tell what the Lord has done for you. Jesus essentially turned this man's deliverance into a mission. The same is true for you. The very people who knew you before God changed you are often the ones most qualified to hear what He did. **Reflection Question:** Who in your life knew you before God worked in you, and have you ever told them what changed?

Day 5: Comfort Passed Forward **Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7** **Devotional:** Paul makes a stunning claim in this passage: the comfort God gives us in our suffering is not only for our benefit. It is given with a purpose beyond us. God comforts us so that we are equipped to comfort others. This means your pain was not wasted. Your fear was not pointless. Your long nights and unanswered questions were not forgotten by God. He was shaping in you the very capacity to sit with someone else in their darkness and say, with genuine authority, that He is faithful. Someone near you is still in the valley. Your testimony is not just your story. It is their lifeline. **Reflection Question:** Who in your life is currently walking through something that you have already survived? What comfort could you offer them from your own experience of God's faithfulness?