

# **Preparing Your Story**

*Testimony: Sharing where your story intersects with God's story*

## **1. My life before I met Jesus**

*\*What was it that made you realize that you needed Jesus?*

## **2. How I met Jesus/became a Christian**

*-Physical (who, what, when, where)*

*-Spiritual (how...the Gospel, Scripture)*

## **3. My life after I met Jesus**

*\*How has Jesus met your need?*

# Michael's Story (example)

## 1. My life before I met Jesus

I was raised in a Christian family. I now realize what a blessing that was. Church was a very important part of our lives, so I had heard a lot about God and knew a good deal about the Bible.

*\*What was it that made you realize that you needed Jesus?*

But life was not perfect. As a child I struggled with feelings of insecurity and inadequacy. As much as people loved me, I didn't ever know if I was really good enough. I also feared what would happen when I died. If I wasn't sure if I was good enough for others, I sure didn't know if I was good enough for God.

## 2. How I met Jesus/became a Christian

*-Physical (who, what, when, where)*

Everything changed for me during a Monday night of a revival service at my church when I was in the second grade. I don't know what message was preached or who even preached it, but I knew God was speaking to me.

*-Spiritual (how...the Gospel)*

That night, I knew that even though I was a "good" kid from a Christian family, I was a sinner that was separated from God. I couldn't be good enough to cover my sin. I needed a Savior. I knew that Jesus lived the perfect life I couldn't live, died on the cross in my place, and rose from the dead in victory. With the faith of a child, I turned away from my sins and trusted Jesus as Savior and followed Him as Lord. That night, Jesus saved me and I began a real relationship with God.

## 3. My life after I met Jesus

Life still isn't perfect. I still struggle and sin, but it's different now. I don't want to. I want to please God more than myself. Since that day, many years ago, I've been on a journey with God. I'm in a love relationship with Him. Being a Christian, for me, is not about being good enough or following a set of rules. It's about God loving me, me loving God, and trying to love others. God has done things in my life I couldn't have even imagined as an 8 year old kid.

*\*How has Jesus met your need?*

I no longer worry if I'm good enough. I know that God created me just the way He wanted me for a reason. I'm a part of His bigger plan. God has replaced my feelings of inadequacy with purpose. I no longer fear death. Quite the opposite, I'm excited about that day. I understand that this world is not my home. My true home is in heaven with Jesus.

God has changed my life. Without question, trusting Jesus as Savior and Lord was the most important decision I have ever made.