

## **Whole Witness (Part 3)**

### **Witnessing Through Our Words: Sharing Your Story**

*So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the town and were coming to him. - John 4:28-30*

*Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." - John 4:39*

*They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."  
- John 4:42*

See also: John 9:25

**Our deeds should lead people to be curious, ask questions, and even long for what we have (Matt. 5:16; John 13:35). And we must be ready to answer their questions with clear, and respectful communication of the gospel (1 Pet. 3:15).**

#### **Learning from Paul - How to Communicate Your Story (Acts 22)**

- Share what your life was like before Christ (Acts 22:3-5)
  - Make it succinct, but be specific.
  - Consider if there were needs or longings that were driving you. Also, what were you pursuing in hopes of meeting those needs?
  - If possible, make a connection with those with whom you are sharing ("being zealous for God as all of you are this day." - Acts 22:3).
- Share how you came to trust in Christ (Acts 22:6-16)
  - Were there certain circumstances that caused you to consider Christ as the fulfillment of your needs?
  - How did you hear the good news of Jesus?
  - Make it a point to briefly, but clearly share the gospel.
- Share how your life has been changed by Christ (Acts 22:17-21)
  - How has the presence of Christ brought satisfaction/peace into your life?
  - How has your relationship with God been evident to those around you?
  - Be clear that you aren't perfect and that salvation is all of grace.

## **A Few Things to Consider**

- If your conversion happened early in life, consider sharing how growing in your faith has made an impact on you.
- Give thought to how to share your story, but it doesn't need to be a script.
- Try to avoid "Christian language" that can be confusing to an unbeliever. Also seek to avoid vague generalities.
- Incorporate a verse or passage of Scripture that connects with your story.
- Pray for boldness to share the gospel (Acts 4:29; Eph. 6:19).

## **What is Your Story?**

- Life before Christ
- How You Came to Trust in Christ
- How Your Life has been Changed by Christ