

How to Share Your Testimony

Your testimony is one of the most powerful tools you have as a believer to bring people to Christ or encourage fellow believers during times of struggle. But why?

For one, Satan's lies are powerless when we tell the truth of what God has done and who we are in Christ. Revelation 12:11 describes part of John's vision when he said the believers "triumphed over the accuser by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." When news of what God has done is spread, it's easier to see his triumph over, as John 8:44 says, the father of lies.

In a world where it can be hard to see the good things God is doing, sharing what God has done in your life is concrete evidence of his goodness and redemptive work when things only seem dark and hopeless. In the story of the demon-possessed man who lived in the tombs in Mark 5, the local townspeople were despondent because they couldn't subdue him and had given up. They previously tried binding him with chains, but he kept breaking them. So, day and night they listened to him screaming and cutting himself in the tombs. It seemed hopeless. Jesus came and freed the man by casting the demons out into a herd of pigs. Jesus said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." The people were amazed, and Jesus' fame grew.

But how do you share your testimony? It's as simple as sharing what your life was like before Christ, how you came to him, and how your life is now different. In other words, what's your "but God" moment? "I was this way, but God stepped in and now I'm that way". That's it! Like the demon possessed man, all we need to do is share what Christ has done for us and his fame will grow.

Don't be ashamed of your testimony! Whether it's one you don't feel is very interesting or one that is full of shocking sin, darkness, and danger, your testimony is a powerful story God uses to bring people to him. I was on a mission trip once with a guy who came into the family of God when Jesus met him while he was hiding terrified under his kitchen table due to a bad acid trip. His life was changed in an instant. What a powerful story! I, on the other hand, have been a follower of Jesus for as long as I can remember. While not a crazy story, I can speak to God's goodness and how good it is to be in his kingdom over the course of a lifetime. And that's also very powerful!

Now in your groups, here are some questions to discuss:

1. In 4 minutes or less, what is your testimony?
2. How could you share what God has done and is doing in your life more frequently?