

A Friend That Shares

Faith for a Friend

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OPENING QUESTION

What's one way you've seen God at work in your life recently—big or small—and did you tell anyone about it?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Main Reading:

Acts 26:4-23

Additional Reading:

Acts 1:8

Revelation 12:11

1 Corinthians 15:10

KEY TAKE AWAYS

- Every believer has a unique story of what God has done in their life, and that story is irrefutable—no one can deny your personal experience with Jesus.
- You don't need to be a theologian to share your faith; you simply share your "before Jesus," your encounter with Him, and your "after" (what He's doing now).
- God calls us to be witnesses, not experts—our role is to testify to what we've seen Him do and trust the Holy Spirit to point people to Jesus.
- Genuine interest in people and asking good questions creates the relational "openings" where sharing your story becomes natural and meaningful.
- Your testimony not only tells how God saved you in the past, but also shows how He is still helping, shaping, and sending you today for the sake of others.

QUESTIONS

1. Acts 1:8 says we “will be [Jesus’] witnesses” when the Holy Spirit comes on us.
 - a. What do you think it practically looks like in your life to live as a witness rather than feeling like you have to be an expert?
2. What fears or hesitations keep you from sharing your faith story, and how might God be inviting you to push past those?
3. Who in your life right now might need to hear even a small part of your testimony, and what could a natural “opening” conversation with them look like?
4. How have you seen God continue to work in your life recently, and how could you turn those current experiences into a simple testimony this week?

PRACTICE

Write and share your 3 minute testimony

Write it out (personally):

Some time this week write out your story using this simple outline:

Before: What was life like before Jesus was real to you? What were you chasing, afraid of, or stuck in?

Encounter: How did you come to put your trust in Jesus (or experience Him more deeply)? What happened?

After: How is your life different now? How is God currently at work in you?

Practice with a safe person:

Share your 3-minute testimony with one trusted believer this week (spouse, friend, or someone in the group). The listener should:

Just listen (no fixing or critiquing)

Give one encouragement: “Here’s what really stood out / felt powerful.”

Look for one “opening” with someone far from God:

Pray each day: “Holy Spirit, give me an opening to share even a small part of my story.”
Pay attention for a natural moment (someone shares a struggle, talks about change, asks about church, etc.).

Share one small, relevant piece of your story (it doesn’t have to be the whole 3 minutes).

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for saving us and for giving each of us a story to share. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so we can be bold, loving witnesses this week, and open doors for us to share what You've done in our lives. Use our simple testimonies to point people to You and bring hope to those who need it.