



Your Story: What has God done in your life lately?

When you have a thriving relationship with God, and you know what it is feels like to be transformed, you can't help but share the goodness of God with others.

How do you share your story?

Sharing how God has changed your life.

Think of a time in your life when God worked and your life was changed. In particular, think of a time in which a spiritual experience with God was crucial in your life. You may especially want to think about a time that would relate well to the people you want to mentor in their spiritual journey. Also, the more recent your experience, the easier it will probably be to share it naturally with others. The crucial questions in writing your own transformation story are:

What was your struggle or crisis or need or longing?

The encounter with God will only be powerful and significant if the problem or struggle or longing or need is emotionally compelling. This part of the story is crucial. Don't summarize the need, but rather paint the picture of the circumstances and relationships that make the need real.

How did you encounter or experience the reality of God in your life in relation to your struggle or crisis or need or longing? What spiritual experience was crucial in your change process?

Avoid clichés and jargon about Jesus. In a simple and heartfelt manner, tell the experience of encountering God’s presence or involvement as concretely and humanly as you can.

- Did you hear God’s voice? How?
- Did someone’s love and acceptance of you convince you God was really there and loved even you? How did that happen?
- Emphasize the events and people and not your interpretation of the events and people.
- How did you know it was God?
- What part did Jesus play in your experience?

How did you respond?

Even here, sharing your struggles in responding to God will be as important as sharing the success of finally responding. Tell your story as it was, with all the pain and doubt, and not as you think it should have been.

What difference has it made in your life?

Tell your story of the changes just as honestly as you tell the rest of the story. Success stories of total healing and change are powerful, but what you may consider a “small” story may be more relatable. As you think about how you are different, share especially how the encounter with God helped you change where you put your identity, security and loyalty. Remember, your story is about an experience with God and how it changed your life. Your story is about transformation. All good stories are.