

NOTES & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SHARE YOUR STORY

SERMON SUMMARY

This message teaches that your story has power because God can use your moments of desperation and deliverance to point others to Jesus. Through the story of the four lepers in 2 Kings 7, we're reminded that we don't have to create the miracle—we simply have to experience God's goodness and boldly share the good news with others.

KEY POINTS

- Your story has power because you were desperate.
 - Our stories often begin in moments when we realize we need God.
- Your story has power because God delivers.
 - The miracle belongs to God; He meets us in our need and provides what we could never provide for ourselves.
- Your story has power because you declare it.
 - Like the four lepers, we are called to share the good news rather than keep it to ourselves.
- Your story can change someone's life.
 - Even one small detail of your testimony can help someone recognize that God sees them, loves them, and is still working.
- Your story points people to Jesus.
 - The ultimate purpose of sharing our story is not to make ourselves the hero, but to help people encounter the Savior and choose life in Jesus.

STEPS TO SHARING YOUR STORY:

STEP 1: DESPERATE

There was a time in my life when I was:

_____ and _____.

(Choose two words that best describe your life before Christ.)

STEP 2: DELIVERED

Then I met Jesus. I realized He loved me, forgave me, and gave His life for me. So I confessed my sin. Surrender my life. I chose to follow him. At that moment, a weight was lifted, joy filled my life, and I was set free.

STEP 3: DECLARE

Since that day, my life has become:

_____ and _____.

(Choose two words that best describe what Jesus has done in your life.)

STEP 4: PUT IT TOGETHER—YOUR STORY HAS POWER

Now say it in one sentence:

"There was a time in my life when I was ashamed and directionless. Then I met Jesus. I realized He loved me, forgave me, and gave His life for me. So I confessed my sin. Surrender my life. I chose to follow him. At that moment, a weight was lifted, joy filled my life, and I was set free. Since that day, my life has become purposeful and more than I could ever dream, ask or imagine."

STEP 5: NOW LET ME ASK YOU.

Do you have a story like that?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **When you think about your story before you knew Jesus, what moments of desperation or brokenness did God meet you in?**
2. **Where have you seen God provide, deliver, or change your life in a way that you could share with someone else?**
3. **What keeps you from sharing your story or talking about what God has done in your life?**
4. **Who is one person in your life who may need to hear your story right now? What could it look like to share it with them?**
5. **How can we make sure that when we share our stories, we point people beyond ourselves and toward Jesus?**