

Live Free Sharing My Life Story

Galatians 1:11-24 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. 12 I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. 13 For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. 14 I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased 16 to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. 17 I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus. 18 Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. 19 I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother. 20 I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. 21 Then I went to Syria and Cilicia. 22 I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. 23 They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." 24 And they praised God because of me.

Life Story Steps

What I **WAS**

v. 13-14 For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

What **GOD DID**

v. 15-16 But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles....

God's **PURSUIT**
God's **PEOPLE**
God's **PREPARATIONS**

What I **DECIDED**

Romans 10:9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

How **GOD HAS CHANGED ME**

Growth Places

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Arabia - A place of **REFLECTION AND PREPARATION**

Damascus – A place to **FACE UP TO MY FORMER LIFE**

Jerusalem - A place of **CONFIRMATION BY GODLY LEADERS**

Signs of a Gospel-Centered Life

I am living free from being **A PEOPLE PLEASER SO I CAN BE A GOD PLEASER**

v. 10 Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Proverbs 29:25 Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.

1 Samuel 15:24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned. I violated the LORD's command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them.

I am living free from my **FORMER UNHOLY HABITS**

v. 23 They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."

2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

I am living free from **THE SPOTLIGHT HAVING TO BE ON ME**

v. 24 And they praised God because of me.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Additional Study on Sharing the Gospel

Monday Acts 9:1-30, Acts 26

Tuesday Psalm 71:14-21

Wednesday Psalm 22:22, Psalm 66:16

Thursday Mark 5:1-20

Friday Matthew 5:13-16

