

WHAT IS YOUR STORY?

REVELATION 12:7-11

One of the powerful tools God gives us is our personal testimony – our story of God's redemption in our lives.

- Why is a testimony so powerful? Why is it important to know and share our story?
- Why do you think people are often more impacted by someone's story than by an argument?
- Share an example of a testimony you've heard that strengthened your own faith.

Revelation 12:11 – *"They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony..."*

John 9:25 – *"One thing I do know: I was blind and now I see!"*

Acts 1:8 – *"you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses..."*

A faithful testimony has three parts: your life before Christ, your life changed by Christ, and your life after Christ changed you. As you reflect on those three parts of a testimony, why is each part essential?

PART 1 - LIFE BEFORE CHRIST

- Why is every human born a sinner? (Romans 3:23, Psalm 51:5)
- What does life apart from Christ look like? (Ephesians 2:1-3)
- Why is there nothing in our past that Christ cannot forgive? (Isaiah 1:18, 1 John 1:9)

Key Point: Our story starts with lostness and brokenness – showing our desperate need for grace.

PART 2 - LIFE CHANGED BY CHRIST

- What does it mean to be "born again"? (John 3:3-7, Titus 3:4-6)
- What must a person do to be saved? (Romans 10:9-10, Acts 16:31, Mark 1:15)
- What happens when Christ changes a person's heart? (2 Corinthians 5:17, Ezekiel 36:26-27)

Key Point: Salvation isn't self-improvement; it's a miracle of grace where Jesus takes dead people and makes them alive.

PART 3 - LIFE AFTER CHRIST CHANGED YOU

- What should a life look like that has been transformed? (Galatians 2:20, Philippians 1:6)
- Why might transformation look different for each believer?
- Discuss this quote: "Jesus did not come to make bad people good; He came to make dead people alive." (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Key Point: Evidence of salvation is a changed direction, not perfection. God's Spirit works uniquely in each believer.

Application + Reflection

- What is one of the most powerful testimonies you have ever heard, and why did it move you?
- What is your story? Can you clearly articulate the three parts of your testimony in 2-3 minutes?
- Who is one person you can share your story with this week? (Pray for them by name.)

Matthew 5:16 – Let your light shine.

1 Peter 3:15 – Be ready to give an answer for your hope.

Acts 22:1-21 – Paul models sharing his testimony simply and boldly.