



Sermon Notes

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“What’s Your Story?”

Various Texts

Introduction: The Bible, movies and books. What do they all have in common? They have stories. Everyone likes stories because they have the meta-messages of good and evil; and redemption and forgiveness. Stories are a big part of our lives. Do you know that you have a story? As Christians, our story involves God transforming our lives. Our story is a way people can see what Jesus did for us. Some people don’t want to share their story because of 3 things. Selfish, totally scared or oblivious that it would make a difference.

Your story does matter. Your story can change someone. Let’s learn how to share our story with the world.

1. Recognize The Power of Your Story

- a. As a believer in Christ, your story holds great power.
- b. Your story has power because of Jesus and the power He has of transforming lives.
- c. Your story is a way people can see both Jesus and how blessed being a Christian is.

- d. Your story is something that someone can find hope in when they need hope.

2. Articulate Your Story

- a. Articulating your story means to define it, craft it, think it through and write it down.
- b. When you write out your story, let your story include where you were before Christ and where you are now with Christ living in you.
 - i. Where you were before: Your struggles, addictions, brokenness and lifestyle.
 - ii. Where you are now with Christ in you: Your new life, finding hope, being healed, being free from sin, redeemed and restored.
- c. Practice sharing your story in small group time
 - i. Practice telling your story in a safe environment.
 - ii. The more you practice at it, the better you are at telling it.

3. Listen for the Right Opportunity

- a. When you genuinely listen, suddenly there are those opportunities to share.
- b. *"Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity."* - Colossians 4:5
- c. Look for the opportunity to plant the seed of faith and then trust God to do His work.
- d. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3 *"My job was to plant the seed in your hearts and Apollos watered it, but it was God not we who made it grow."* What's your job? To share your story and plant the seed.

4. Don't Be Afraid

- a. When we want to share our story, fear can kick in.
 - i. Intimidation, embarrassment, judgement and laughter. We fear that will be the result of us sharing our story.

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- ii. *"I can't do it... I have guilt about my past.... I am ashamed of my past.... I can't be effective.... No one will listen...."*
- b. Don't let the fear of rejection stop you.
- c. This world has nothing on you nor do they have control over you.
- d. Do it all for the glory of God and not for the approval of man.
- e. Fear will stifle your story.
- f. People need to hear your story. Do not be afraid to share.
 - i. Some of the things you went through could be things that someone else is going through. You could be that beacon of hope for someone.

**If God
is for us,
who can
be against
us?**

ROMANS 8:31

Conclusion: Don't be afraid to share your story. Your story is powerful because Jesus is in it. Your story is one that can be a difference to someone. It can show someone that is looking for hope that there is hope in Jesus. Your story isn't just a bunch of words and events; it's your testimony that shows Jesus and the power He has to transform lives.