

YOUR GOSPEL STORY

"This I can say... I was one way, and now I'm completely different... and the thing that happened in between... was Him."

*- Mary Magdalene, THE
CHOSEN*

If you've come to love Jesus, you have a gospel story that you can share. Yes... YOU! This activity will help you bring clarity and words to your experience in a way that will not only help you understand God's working in your life better, but also give you words to share it with others.

STEP 1:

Spend at least 5 minutes reading & praying over the following passage. Thank God for His redeeming power in your life & ask Him to guide you as you catalyze your gospel story!

1 Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.

4 But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) 6 For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. 7 So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. 10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. - Ephesians 2:1 -

STEP 2:

Take a few moments to answer the following questions. Keep your answers short and simple. You can flesh them out later as a personal devotional exercise if you find this process meaningful for you.

TURNING POINTS: Think back on your life in each of the following age ranges. What were the most impactful things that shaped who you became? (positively or negatively)

0-10

11-20

21-30

30 onward

MEETING HIM: Where did you sense Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, at work in your life during each of these age ranges?

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Summarize what your life was like before you chose to let Jesus lead you. (What did your life revolve around? Where did you get your happiness or meaning from? How did those things begin to let you down?)

Summarize what it was like the first time you made a surrender to Jesus. (What was it about Jesus that led you to that surrender? What changed after you made that decision?)

Summarize your spiritual journey since that point. (Have there been ups and downs in your experience? Do you feel that you can be honest with yourself and others about your struggles, while giving yourself grace like God does? If your current spiritual experience isn't what you want it to be, what do you feel you need in order to regain the holy fire?)

STEP 3:

Write out your “gospel story” in **350 words or less** by summarizing your answers to the questions above. Really try to make it flow and not bog down with detail... Remember, it’s about what JESUS has done for you that really matters!

Helpful Hints & Suggestions:

1. Write the way you speak; make the testimony yours.
2. Practice this over and over until it becomes natural.
3. Short – under 3 minutes. At that length, it's easily something you can put into a conversation without it becoming a monologue.
4. Don't be overly negative or positive. Be truthful.
5. Don't criticize or name any church, denomination, organization, etc.
6. Include a bible verse that has been meaningful to you.