



SHARE YOUR
STORY

Purpose⁺
OVER PRETTY

YOUR STORY MATTERS

Before you begin, take a deep breath and remember this: You don't have to have it all figured out. You don't need fancy words. You don't need a perfect ending. You just need a willing heart.

Your story matters. Not because it's polished, but because it's real. Whether you're still walking through the valley or looking back on how far God has brought you, your story has the power to remind someone else that they're not alone... and that God is still faithful.

This guide isn't here to pressure you. It's here to help you reflect, honor what you've walked through, and give you space to process how God moved in your life. Through the hard, through the waiting, even through the in-between.

You don't have to share everything. You don't have to tie it up with a bow. Just be honest. Be brave. And invite the Holy Spirit in as you write. He'll meet you in the quiet moments and help you see the beauty that's already woven through your story.

When you're ready, walk through each section. Write freely. Take your time. And know, whether this is just for your healing or one day shared to encourage someone else, you are seen, known, and loved.



JOT IT DOWN FREELY

Before getting into structure, take a few minutes to journal freely. Let it flow! Don't worry about grammar or order yet. Just write.

What are some defining moments of your life?

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When did you first start thinking seriously about God?

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What people, places, or events shaped you? *Can be for better or worse.*

OUTLINE THE FRAMEWORK

There are many ways to tell your story, but this 3-part framework is a helpful starting point:

1. Before Jesus: *Who You Were*

What was your life like before you truly knew Jesus?

How did you view yourself, others, or God?

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Were there specific struggles, sins, or wounds you carried?

Were there habits, mindsets, or lies that shaped your decisions?

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What were you chasing? What was missing?

What pain or brokenness were you living in?

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2. Meeting Jesus: *What **Changed***

Who encouraged you, or what event/experience happened that caused you to seek God?

Was it a slow realization or a single moment?

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Was there a moment of surrender or repentance?

How did your view of God begin to change?

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3. Life with Jesus: *Who You Are* **Now**

What does your life look like since choosing to follow Jesus?

What struggles do you still face, and how do you handle them differently?

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3. Life with Jesus: *Who You Are* **Now**

What has He healed, changed, or restored in you?

What truths do you cling to now?

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How are you different today?

How has your purpose or perspective changed?

BUILD IT INTO A NARRATIVE

Once you've brainstormed, it's time to put your testimony together in a written or spoken form. Here's a simple outline to guide you:

Use these to go deeper or as journaling questions if you're stuck:

What lie did the enemy speak over your life that God has replaced with truth?

What's one verse that sums up your journey?

How would you describe your relationship with God now?

What would you tell the "old you" if you could?

1. Opening Paragraph: Start with a brief introduction of who you are, why you're sharing, and what this testimony means to you.

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2. Body: Using the three-part outline framework from before (Before Jesus: Who You Were, Meeting Jesus: What Changed, and Life With Jesus: Who You Are Now), tell your story. Be vulnerable. Be honest. And always bring the glory *back to God*.

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2. Body Continued:

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3. Closing Paragraph: End with encouragement! How has finding Christ empowered you? What do you hope others take from your story?

PRAY AND REFINE

Read what you've written and pray over it. Ask yourself: *Does this glorify God or just recount events?* It's okay to share details, but avoid glorifying sin. It's important to keep it real and honest, but remember to keep the spotlight on Jesus.

If you're sharing your testimony out loud, practice speaking it once or twice so you have an idea of what it's going to feel like actually sharing these words. If you're writing it out (to share or just for yourself), you can edit as needed as often as you feel called; but don't aim for perfection. Aim for truth.

Whether you're planning to verbally share your testimony, submit your written story, or you used this template as a personal healing space, I want to leave you with some encouragement: You don't have to be a preacher to testify. You don't need a perfect past to point to a perfect Savior. If God has done anything in your life, you have something to say! And please never forget, you are already loved beyond measure. He sees you. He knows you. And He will always have space for you.