

How to prepare and share your story in 5 minutes

Every Christian ought to be able to share their story in a few minutes. Sometimes that's all we have! We call this an "elevator pitch" testimony. Here's how to prepare:

BC: Who I was BC? That is before I followed Christ. (2 minutes)

This always includes a snapshot of your upbringing, family life, and quite possibly, a painful memory.

AD: How did I become a follower of Jesus? (2 minutes)

Was this a memorable decision or more gradual? Who or what brought you to this place?

HOW: How am I different as a result? (1 minute)

What does this mean for your life today? How is God using you as a result of his spirit living within you?

Your story matters! For additional tools on how to write your testimony or to share your story, visit www.sapres.org/stories. Questions? Email Megan, meganh@sapres.org.

Why share my story?

Great question! God's love letter, the Bible, is one continuous story. It's not just a book with lectures and outlines, but a magnificent storybook filled with transforming testimonies of God's power and handiwork through people. God wants us to share those stories and spread the good news! The apostle John demonstrates this when he wrote:

"From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in - we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The word of life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we're telling you, in most sober prose, that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite life of God himself took shape before us. We saw it, we heard it, and now we're telling you so you can experience it along with us, this experience of communion with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ!" [1 John, MSG]

The main verb here is telling, proclaiming. Literally meaning to inform, bring news, act as a messenger. Here, the apostle John informs, brings news, and acts as a messenger who is announcing the good news of Jesus to those who would listen. The Bible uses another word for sharing our story, which is "testimony" or "witness". When we share the story of God's work in our lives, we are living this out. That's exactly what God expects from every believer. He wants us to share our testimony and bear witness to the transformative work that he has done in our lives.