

# **Tell Your Story!**

## **It's The One Thing No One Can Argue With**

### **A Brief Look Back:**

### **Are You Prepared To Answer? It's A Lot Easier Than You'd Think**

1 Peter 3:15-16

- ✓ Be ready to answer **Those Who Ask**.
- ✓ An answer for **Your** hope and confidence.
- ✓ Our **Attitude** is as important as our **Words**.

### **3 Ways To Tell Our Story**

- 1) When we don't know the answer: **Come & See**.  
John 1:43-51
- 2) When our story is just beginning: **Come & See**.  
John 4:28-30 & 39-42
- 3) When our story has a story: **I Was Blind But Now I See**.  
John 9:1-25

## **Food for Thought**

For the week of August 19, 2012

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

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We heard this weekend that every follower of Jesus has a story to tell about how they became a Christian. In anticipation of having an opportunity to tell someone your story, it helps to give some thought to what you've experienced so you can communicate your story clearly.

For most of us, our story naturally falls into three parts. Below are those parts and some questions under each one. Use the questions to help you think through your story. You may want to write your answers down to help you think them through.

As you think about your story, remember that some people have a sudden conversion experience, while for others it can happen over a period of time without a clear pinpointed date. For those of you who can't remember the exact point in time you came to know Christ because you've been following Jesus from an early age, you'll probably struggle answering the questions in the first two parts, so you may want to focus your story on part three.

### **Part One - My Life Before I Became A Christian**

Whichever way your relationship with Christ began, try to recall what your life was like before you became a Christian. What attitudes did you display? What were your behaviors and feelings about life?

Include here what brought you to the point where you knew you needed to turn to Jesus. Did you have a need that Jesus met? Were you at the end of your rope and couldn't go on? Was there a Christian whose life influenced you?

### **Part Two - How I Came To Jesus**

What steps did you take to become a Christian? Did it happen at a specific time (like at a high school camp or church service) or was it a long process of giving Jesus the steering wheel of your life?

### **Part Three - What Being A Christian Means Now**

What difference has being a Christian made to your life? What are the highlights of your relationship with Christ? How have your thoughts, attitudes and goals changed or been affected by being a Christian?

