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**How To Tell Your Jesus Story**

**Why your testimony is important:**

It is a vessel that can lead people to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

It reminds us of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God in our lives.

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**What is your testimony?**

Colossians 3:12

* Who I was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What happened when Jesus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Who I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* My hope of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am going

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Seek to understand who they are.

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**How To Tell Your Jesus Story**

**Why your testimony is important:**

It is a vessel that can lead people to **REPENTANCE**.

It reminds us of the **FAITHFULNESS** of God in our lives.

God considers it **PART OF OUR LIVES** as Christians.

**What is your testimony?**

Colossians 3:12

* Who I was **BEFORE**
* What happened when Jesus **FOUND ME**
* Who I am **NOW**
* My hope of **WHERE** I am going

**COMPASSION** – Seek to understand who they are.

**KINDNESS** – Choose grace-filled words.

**HUMILITY** – Be aware of what we’ve been rescued from.

**GENTLENESS** – Create an invitation to action.

**PATIENCE** – Submit to God’s answer and timing.

**Food for Thought for the week of March 21, 2021**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. A powerful way of sharing your testimony or your “story” is by talking about what God has done in your life. As you read through Titus 3:3-8, write down anything that could be used to help someone understand how God works in their life when they ask Him to. What part of this passage is most important for you to remember and why?

***Titus 3:3-8 New International Version (NIV)***

***3****At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.****4****But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,****5****he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,****6****whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,****7****so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.****8****This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.*

2. In Acts 26, we find Paul essentially sharing his testimony with King Agrippa. As you read through Paul’s story in this chapter, watch for the four elements of a testimony that Christopher shared.

If you read this story out loud, it will take you about three minutes. Paul is able to communicate a lot in that short amount of time. It's often suggested you try condensing your story to three minutes, which will require you to think about what to include and what to leave out. Should you have more than three minutes to share your story, you can always expand it by adding more details.

As a first step toward writing out your story, jot down a few thoughts under each of the elements Christopher mentioned in the sermon.

* Who I was before I met Jesus
* What happened when Jesus found me
* Who I am now
* My hope of where I am going