

Howels: SHARE YOUR STORY

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Every believer has a testimony—a personal story of how Jesus has transformed their life. Whether it's a dramatic conversion or a quiet, steady journey of faith, your testimony is a powerful tool that can inspire, encourage, and lead others to Christ.

In Revelation 12:11, the Bible tells us, "They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." Your testimony is more than just words—it is a living witness to the power of God at work in your life.



Many people hesitate to share their faith because they don't know how to articulate their story clearly, or they fear saying the wrong thing. This guide will help you:

- -Clarify your testimony into a simple and relatable story.
- -Structure your story in a way that connects with others.
- -Use everyday language that resonates with people from all backgrounds.
- -Gain confidence in sharing Jesus naturally in conversations.

As you go through this training, take time to reflect, write, and practice sharing your testimony. Each section is designed to walk you through a simple 5-step process that makes your story clear and impactful.

Remember, your testimony is not about having all the answers—it's about sharing the real, transforming power of Jesus in your life. God has already written an incredible story in you. Now, it's time to share it!



Step 1: Clarify Your Core Message



Ask Yourself:
What is the one main theme of my testimony?

Is it about God's redemption, healing, grace, freedom from sin, or finding purpose?

Keep it simple and focused on one main takeaway.

ACTION STEP: "WRITE DOWN YOUR ONE-SENTENCE TESTIMONY THEME. **EXAMPLE:** "I ONCE BELIEVED MY PAST MISTAKES DEFINED ME, BUT JESUS SHOWED ME I AM MADE NEW IN HIM."

Step 2: Structure your story into 3-Parts

People connect with simple, clear storytelling. Follow this 3-part framework:

Before Jesus – What was your struggle, pain, or life without Christ?

Encounter with Jesus – How did He transform you?

After Jesus – What changed? How is your life different now?

You will overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of your testimony. Rev. 12:11

There is a purpose and power unleashed through the Holy Spirit when we share what Jesus has done for us. We see in Revelation that every time we share, we partner with the power of the blood of Jesus and a spiritual strategy to overcome our own trials, lies, and hardships. Sharing your story or your testimony is not only for others, but it is for you as well.

There are lies the enemy will whisper that you aren't ready, you don't know enough, or "what if" questions. Silence those. When you feel that nudge to share, know that the Holy Spirit will meet you in that moment and the Lord's Word will not return void. Trust the Father, be faithful in obedience and watch what the Lord does.



Step 3: Keep it Relatable and Authentic

- **BE REAL, NOT REHEARSED** PEOPLE CONNECT WITH AUTHENTICITY, NOT PERFECTION.
- MAKE IT PERSONAL USE EMOTION AND REAL-LIFE DETAILS TO BRING YOUR STORY TO LIFE.
- AVOID CHRISTIAN JARGON INSTEAD OF SAYING, "I WAS SANCTIFIED AND REDEEMED," SAY, "JESUS GAVE ME A FRESH START AND NEW PURPOSE."

Brainstorm some ways to use your story or terms to be simple and authentic. Ask yourself, "Would someone with no church background understand this?"

Example: "I used to carry so much shame, but Jesus set me free. Now, I walk in peace knowing He loves me."

Step 4: Connect Your Story to Theirs



1- RELATERelate your testimony to common struggles (fear, rejection, shame, addiction, loss, etc.

2- ASKAsk engaging questions to invite conversation

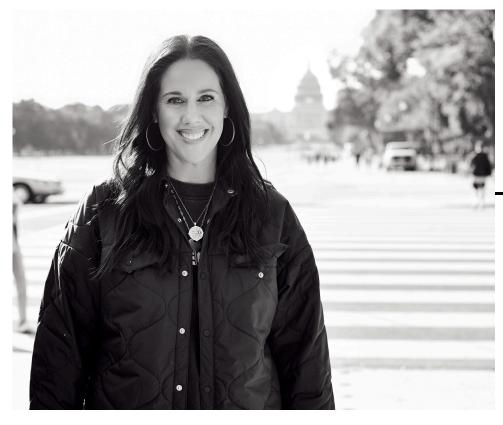
3- SHARE

Share how Jesus can do the same for them.

Examples: "I know I'm not the only one who has felt lost and unsure of my purpose. Have you ever felt that way? The best part is, Jesus doesn't just save us—He gives us a purpose far greater than we could imagine."

Step 5: Invitation to Jesus

For you have been called to live in freedom, but don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. Gal. 5:13



Your story isn't about you, it's about God's love for you and what Jesus has doneit's part of the great commission.

1- GIVE HOPE

Let them know that Jesus loves them and share a verse like Rom. 5:8, "But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

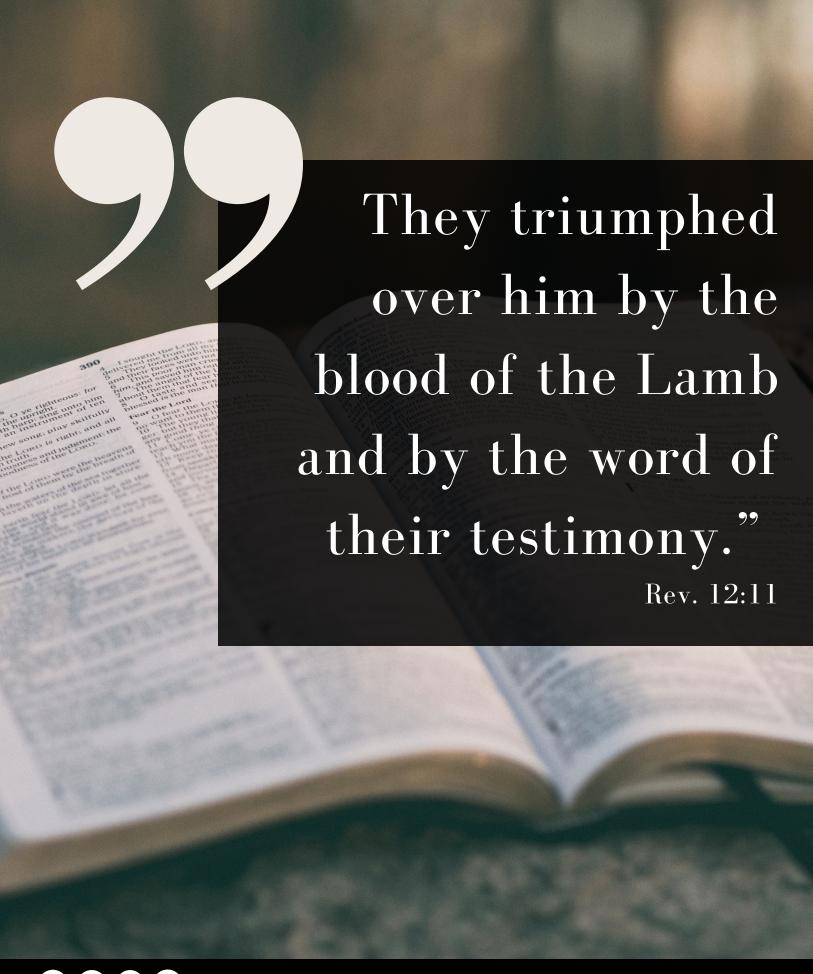
2-INVITE THEM

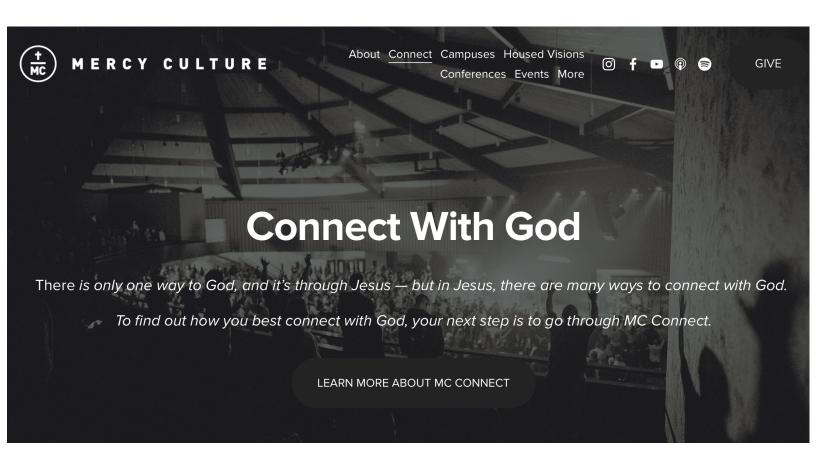
Ask, "Do you want to accept Jesus today?"

3- PRAY FOR THEM

Offer to pray with them or guide them in a simple prayer like this:

"Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and I need Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose again. Today, I turn from my sin and invite You into my heart and my life. I trust You as my Lord and Savior. Thank You for Your love, grace, and the gift of eternal life. Help me to follow You all the days of my life. In Jesus' name. Amen."





CONNECT WITH GOD.

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- 1. Text **590-90**
- 2. Type Connect
 - 3. Send
- 3. Fill out the questionnaire

Be bold and unapologetic with the story He's given you, and watch what He does with it!

I can't wait to see how the Lord leads you!

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