

Creating Your Testimony



But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect... — 1Peter 3:15

Use this outline and take a few minutes to write out your unique story of coming to know and trust Christ, with the goal that you are able to encourage someone else with the value of doing the same. Start with prayer for wisdom and honesty. Keep it short so you can share it within 2-5 minutes.

◆ *Your life before Christ (or before Christ was more reallimportant in your life):*

- What about your life before Christ will relate most to the non-Christians you know?
- What did your life revolve around? What motivated you? Where did you get your security, identity or happiness from? (Think about both moralism and worldliness)
- How did those things begin to let you down? How did you see or feel that happening?

◆ *How you came to trust Christ:*

- Who or what did God use to awaken you to your need for Him? Any specific Bible verses?
- When was the first time you heard the gospel or it made sense? What was most attractive about it? (God's grace or love or the work of Christ?) What drew you in?
- Why and when did you decide to trust and commit your life to Christ?

◆ *Your life after trusting Christ:*

- How is your life different (list changes in your character, attitude, actions and motivations)?
- Share how knowing God and the gospel impacts how you currently deal with your own ongoing failures and life's challenges.
- How are you currently trusting God to work on in your life?
