# MY TESTIMONY

# THE STORY of my FAITH JOURNEY

## **ENTERING INTO GOD'S STORY**



Whether your experience was spectacular or simple, every person who has become a follower of Jesus has transitioned from death to life. This *is* an epic fact regardless of how it happened, so your testimony is always a powerful one. So how can you share your testimony well?

- Make it short & sharp (aim for about 3 minutes)
- Make it personal (don't be 'preachy', be honest and real)
- > Try not to use too much Christian jargon (words that non-Christians may not understand)
- > Keep Jesus central (Jesus did the saving work, and continues to work in us)
- > Use the Bible (include a verse or two that have been significant in the way God changed you and continues to help you grow)
- > Pray (ask God to help prepare you and the testimony)
- > Challenge listeners (without being pushy, finish by asking for a response from the listeners regarding their own commitment to Jesus)



Everyone's story will be different. Some people will remember the moment they became a Christian, others may not remember. Over the page you'll find some suggestions for sharing your story regardless of how your story began.

# **Not Always Believed**

For those who remember a time when they weren't in a relationship with God. They become a Christian through God working in their lives and saving them.

#### **Before**

- What was my life like before I became a Christian? (include significant things about where you grew up, family, school, highs, lows)
- ➤ How did God begin working in my life? (when did you first become aware of or interested in God)

#### The Change

- ➤ How did I come to understand Jesus' death and resurrection for me? (You could include a significant Bible passage that explains the gospel if you want)
- ➤ How did I accept Jesus? (Describe the moment how you realised your sin and the need for forgiveness, the relief of finding grace in Jesus)

#### Today

- ➤ How has my life changed since becoming a Christian? (goals, attitudes, habits, church/youth group, relationships)
- > What amazes me about Jesus and what have I learned from Him?

#### The Challenge

You could finish with a challenge or a question. (E.g. - I am so glad I am forgiven by Jesus and He's my King. Have you asked Jesus to forgive you? Have you experienced His grace and new life?)



# **Have Always Believed**

For those who cannot remember a time what they haven't known Jesus as their Saviour. Their faith has grown and matured as God has worked and continues to work in their life.

#### The Past

- How did I grow into my present relationship with Jesus? (Parents, going to Church, Sunday School etc.)
- > Who were the significant people who helped me?

### Today

- What amazes me about Jesus and what impact has He had on my life?
- ➤ What are the most significant things about my life with Jesus?

#### The Gospel

> Why are the cross and resurrection of Jesus important to me?

#### The Challenge

Ask a question to finish. (E.g. - I'm glad I can live knowing that I have eternal life. Do you have that same assurance?)