

## Sharing Your Testimony

In *Share Jesus Like It Matters*, Bro. Steve writes, “If sharing one’s testimony was powerful enough and wise enough for the theologian Paul, it is necessary and appropriate for any believer today” (page 71). People may disagree with your theological arguments, but it is difficult to disagree or argue with a changed life!

The Apostle Paul had perhaps the greatest theological mind and grasp of truth that any believer has ever had. Twice in the book of Acts we see him sharing his personal testimony of how he came to faith in Christ. Your testimony is also a powerful tool that the Holy Spirit can use to draw others to Christ.

Use the outline below (taken from chapter 8 of *Share Jesus Like It Matters*) to script your testimony. You need to be able to share your testimony in 4 minutes or less. You want to keep it short enough for your audience of one to remain engaged.

- **Tell Others What Life Was Like before You Met Jesus.** Describe how you felt before knowing Jesus as Savior and Lord. Tell of your sense of purposelessness; guilt and shame caused by sin; or confusion about the meaning or life. Tell them how you struggled with sin prior to knowing Jesus in salvation. Even a child can give a testimony and tell about how the Lord caused him to feel sorry for his sins against God.

But remember, you do *not* need to share details about your former sins. Your aim is to give glory to God, not the devil. Instead, when talking about your former sins, speak in general terms. Say something like: “Before I met Jesus, I was involved in things that were wrong. If my parents had known what I was doing it would’ve broken their hearts.” Keep it general. Don’t exalt sin or the devil; exalt Jesus!

- **Tell Others How You Came to Sense Your Need for Salvation.** Talk about how you moved from merely recognizing you were a sinner to the fact that you yearned for Jesus to save you. If someone shared Jesus with you to bring that about that desire, describe how it happened. If you came under conviction by reading the Bible or a Gospel tract, tell them exactly how it happened. Tell them, “I began to sense my need for salvation because....”
- **Tell Others HOW You Were Converted to Christ.** Briefly describe how you were saved. Who shared Jesus with you? How did they lead you to faith in Him? What was it like when you *repented* of your sin, *believed* in Jesus, and called on His name, *receiving* Him as your Savior and Lord?

- **Tell Others What Your Life Is Like Now That You Are Saved.** Contrast what your life was like before you met Jesus and what it is like now that He has become your Savior. Say something like, “Before I met Jesus, I worried about almost everything. But now I enjoy peace that can only come from Him.”

Knowing how to effectively share your testimony is one of the greatest steps you will take in learning how to lead others to faith in Christ.