

Testimony Tips

Everyone has a different story...as a friend of mine says: "be you because everyone else is already taken!" What's the big deal about your story? Paul was enamored with his: Acts 22.3-21; 26.1-23 and sprinkled it all through out the epistles. Paul had a story and he wanted to make known the work that Christ had done in his life.

If someone asked to hear the story of how you came into a relationship with Christ, what would you tell them?

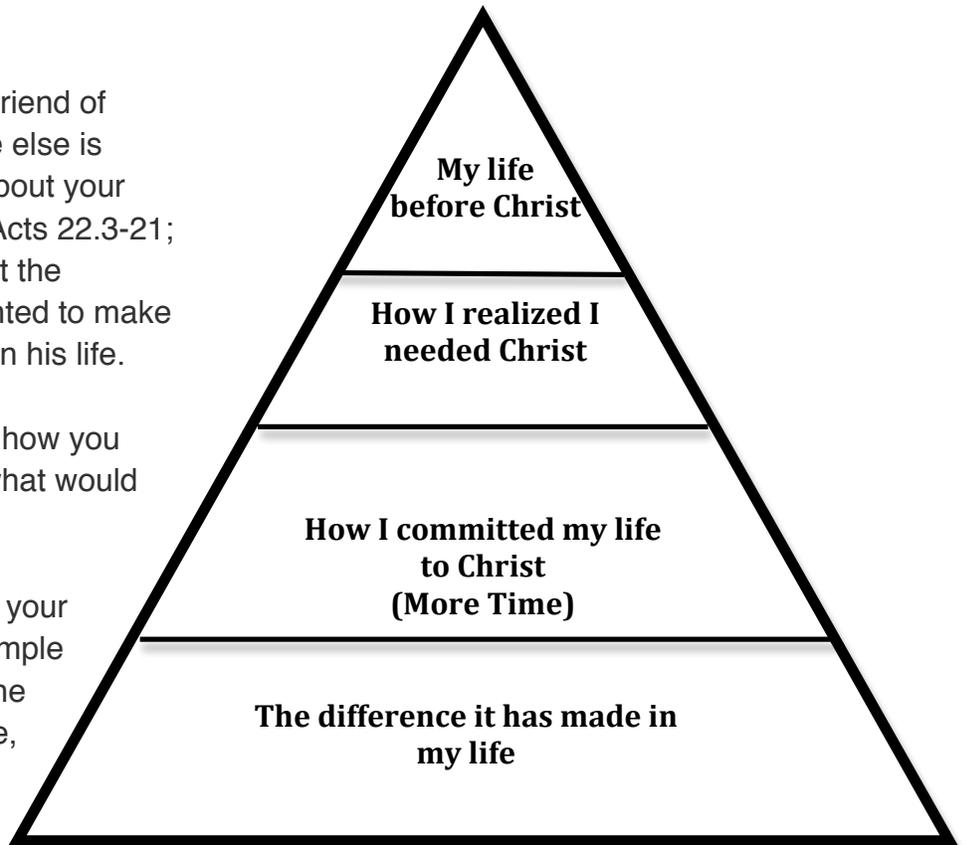
Right now I am challenging you to put your story on paper. To the right is an example of how to structure your testimony. The key is spend the most time on your life, post-Christ.

Start out with your life before you knew Christ. *What was most important to you? What did you use as a substitute (drugs, sports, alcohol, video games) in place of God?*

Next explain how you came to the realization that you needed Christ. *What needs, hurts, or problems made you dissatisfied with the way you were living without God? How did God get your attention? What motivated you?*

Take some time now to explain what you did to commit your life to Christ. *What steps did you take exactly to become a follower of Jesus Christ?*

Finally, use the most space to show how your life is different now because of your relationship to with Christ. *What has changed in your life (relationships, outlook, pressure)?*



What if you have been a Christian your whole life?

Point out some deep need or common problem that you see *other people* trying to resolve. Point out how unsuccessful their attempts are to meet their own need. Then explain why you never experienced that problem by trusting Christ early in life.

Why your testimony is important?

1. *It is unique! There are no others just like it.*
2. *It is personal and easy to understand.*
3. *People love to hear personal stories and they remember them.*
4. *People can relate to it. It builds a relational bridge.*
5. *In our postmodern world, it may be your most effective witness.*