



# STORIES OF REDEMPTION

## Preparing Your Personal Testimony

“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15)

When the apostle Paul stood before King Agrippa (Acts 26), he spoke simply, logically, and clearly about his life *before* salvation, *how* he met Christ, and what his life was like *after* conversion. Paul’s testimony takes three or four minutes to read aloud in a conversational manner.

It is important for you to be able to write out your personal testimony—not for the purpose of memorizing and sharing it verbatim, but because it helps to put into words some of the important and interesting details of your relationship with Christ. Our individual stories are some of the most powerful discipleship and evangelism tools because they are so deeply unique to us. The choice of the right words, the flow of your story, and knowing how to begin and end are all important. As you begin to work on this, ask the Lord for wisdom and insight into just how to share your story. The following worksheet is meant to help you outline the significant highlights in your journey with Christ.

### BEFORE

① Before you met Christ, what were some of your needs, what was lacking, or what was missing in your life?

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② What solutions for your life did you try that didn’t work?

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### HOW

① What were the circumstances that caused you to consider Christ?

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② Tell how you trusted Christ, and briefly include the gospel.

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### AFTER

① Give an example of how Christ met your needs or how He is now contributing to your life.

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② End with a sentence to the effect that you know that you have eternal life through Christ.

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