



#JESUSCHANGEDMYLIFE



TELLING YOUR GOD-STORY GUIDE

Telling the story of how Jesus changed our lives starts with our understanding how to have a personal relationship with Jesus. As a reminder to all of us, here are a few links to describe the basic message of how Jesus saved us.

- [Knowing God Personally](#)
- [The Gospel \(for you more creative types\)](#)

We have found that the best way to think about the concise and clear testimony of how Jesus changed your life is to think in three categories to share:

- 1. Who You Were Before Jesus**
- 2. How Jesus Changed Your Life**
- 3. Who You Are Now**

Quick Note: When sharing our story, we often get stuck on who we were before Jesus. The point of our stories should be to make Jesus the hero, so make sure the focus is on Him. You might find it helpful to structure your story this way: 15 seconds on who you were before Jesus, 30 seconds on how Jesus changed your life, and 15 seconds closing with who you are now.

WHO YOU WERE BEFORE JESUS



For some this question is easy and for others it can be difficult to remember or relive. If you feel stuck, it can be helpful to use the two character types from the parable of the prodigal son. Were you more reckless or a religious rule-follower? Before you knew Jesus, you might have been striving for something; something you thought could fulfill your life with purpose or meaning or pleasure. Before you knew Jesus, you might have decided the best way to live was to keep everything in your control. Either way, you were left with emptiness, discontentment, or hurt. Whatever you were, praise God, you are not that anymore!

Some questions to consider sharing about:

- **What was your life like without God?**
- **What were you pursuing that you thought would bring meaning, purpose, or identity?**
- **How did those things let you down? What made you turn to Jesus?**

HOW JESUS CHANGED YOUR LIFE



Jesus changes everything. Jesus was everything He claimed to be. He was God, God's Son, man in perfect form, and had all power and authority to conquer sin and death. Because of who He is and what He has done, He's worth making Him our Lord and surrendering our lives to Him. This is your moment to share how Jesus is the hero of your life.

Some questions to consider sharing about:

- **When you encountered Jesus, what was the message of hope or salvation that rang true in your heart?**
- **Was there a verse or story or truth that stuck out to you?**
- **What did you experience when you surrendered your life to Him?**



If Jesus changes everything, then our life surrendered to Jesus should look vastly different from the life we lived before; if not always in external action, by internal motivation. So this is the moment to describe what “new life” looks like for you now.

Consider these questions:

- **How has following Jesus changed how you think, speak, or act?**
- **How has following Jesus changed your purpose or significance?**

Quick Note: Let's be honest -- even though Jesus has changed your life, your life and attempts to follow Jesus have not and will not be perfect, and we think it's important to have that reflected in your “who you are now” portion. Without an honest assessment of who you are now, people may lose the sincerity of Jesus' work and power.

FINAL CHECK



This story, like we said, should have Jesus as the “hero.” So after you’ve recorded your story, before you post it the week of April 6-11, go through this process with the Lord:

- *Pray, and ask the Holy Spirit to use your story to bring more people into a relationship with Jesus.*
- *Ask yourself, “If someone who knows me heard this story, is it clear that Jesus is the hero and focal point?”*
- *In prayer, release any fear that comes up through this process. Simply give it to Jesus, as you trust him with your story*
- *It’s okay if your story feels short or leaves out important elements. This is the start of a conversation you now get to have with your friends and family.*
- *If you want some extra guidance, you can find it here: [CRU: How to Tell Your Story](#)*