

Joy El Generation

4.12 Leadership Training Program

Writing Your Testimony

What is a testimony? **Your story of what God has done in your life. An opportunity to bear witness to what God has done.**

Why share your testimony? **Praise God for what he has done, Give others opportunity to know Christ**

What do you think should be a part of a testimony?

- **Life before Christ**
- **How you began a relationship with Christ**
- **How is your life different because of Christ**
- **How can others have the same relationship**

If you wanted to find an example of a testimony, where would you look?
Acts 22, Acts 26

Read Acts 26:1-29

V 2 - How did Paul feel about the opportunity to share his testimony?
Fortunate! It is a privilege to tell what God has done!

What did Paul include in his testimony?

V 4-11 - **Life before knowing Christ, his history.**

V 12-18 – **How he came to have a relationship with Christ.**

V 19-23 – **His life since meeting Christ personally.**

V 24-29 – **Offered those who were listening an opportunity to meet Jesus.**

V 23 – Scripture:

Isaiah 53:3-6" **...he was despised and rejected by men...familiar with suffering";**

Isaiah 49:6 **"...I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."**

We need to be prepared also! Read: 1 Peter 3:15-17 (**...Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.**) 2 Tim 4:1-5. (**...Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season**)

Turning in a Testimony Draft:

Oct. 31 – Rough Draft Due

Jan. LTS – Final Copy Due

Your Testimony needs to include:

1. Life before Christ
 - A. A brief history: **It is your story!** Tell about where you're from and who you were.
 - B. What happened in your life to show Christ was a solution to your needs?
2. How you began a relationship with Jesus
 - A. What was the situation? (where, when, who)
 - B. How did Jesus become a part of your life?
 - **Explain the process!** (What does it mean to begin a relationship with Jesus?)
 - **Include Scripture** to support your decision
3. How is your life different because of Christ?
 - A. How have you dealt with the **highs and lows of life?**
 - B. What excites you about having a relationship with Jesus
 - C. Share a **verse or passage** of Scripture that has impacted you.
4. How can those listening have the same relationship?

Explain how to **begin a relationship** with Jesus in your own words.
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 - A. Admit to yourself that you are a sinner and are separated from God.
 - B. Believe Jesus died for your sins and has the power to remove them.
 - C. Confess your sins and ask for forgiveness.
 - D. Declare Christ as your Savior and Lord.
5. Use Scripture!

Helpful Hints for writing your Testimony

- I. When you read/present it, it should be 3 ½ to 5 minutes long.
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I.E. Got saved, Born Again, Whiter than snow, Went forward, Washed in the blood, etc.
- III. Don't just use your favorite verse. Use scripture that fits into your story.
- IV. Type it out – you will use it throughout your life and it is easier to update

Helpful Hints when you share your Testimony

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- II. Speak clearly.
- III. Don't speak too fast.
- IV. Change the tone of your voice.

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