

## Sharing Your Faith Story – Five Steps

Share what God has done in your life. Ask someone to pray for you.



### Step 1. Pick Your Story.

What is your story about? When has God been very real for you lately? Tell ONE story; not your life story; not a string of stories, and not necessarily the story you always tell. Let the Holy Spirit guide you. You have a story that God wants someone to hear.

### Step 2. How Did Your Story Start?

What was wrong? What were you trying to do or change?

### Step 3. What Happened?

Highlights, please, not excruciating details. We want to hear your story. Where was God? How do you know?

### Step 4. What were the Results?

What was the major impact on you? What about your story amazes you?

### Step 5. Tell Your Story.

If it takes longer than 5-6 minutes, you are over-explaining with too much detail. Simple. Straight forward. Let the Holy Spirit guide you. Breathe. No one can argue. It's your story.

*Avoid Preaching and Teaching.* You don't do that, do you? Ready for the test?

## Your Faith Story or Preaching?

Your Faith Story	Preaching (Advice)
I saw	You should see
I heard	You need to hear
My experience	You ought to feel
First hand	What you should do
Personal	If I were you.... WE should... (sneaky advice)
All about God and me	All about Me telling you what to do

## Your Faith Story or Teaching?

Your Faith Story	Teaching (Someone else's story)
I saw	They saw
I heard	She heard
My experience	He felt; They did
First hand	Second or third hand or even (gasp!) made up
Personal	Impersonal; not sharing myself
All about God and me	All about Me telling you what to do