

Read through these practical steps for sharing your faith story, and discuss them.

1. Start With the Best Part

Oftentimes, the Apostle Paul began his preaching with the story of how Jesus Christ appeared to him on the road to Damascus and transformed him.

If you're wondering where to start telling your faith story, then start at the best part: the moment where the Holy Spirit drew you to faith in Jesus Christ.

- How can you simplify your faith story, keeping the best part as the focus?

2. Present the Person of Jesus Christ

Do not make the mistake of thinking that you must always begin with your Bible, turning from passage to passage. Be sensitive to the individual and to the Lord's prompting, and use the Scriptures wisely.

- What is the most important detail about Jesus Christ that you learned when you were first coming to faith?

3. Stress the Love of God

We must admit that we are sinners and we all need the Savior for justification and forgiveness; but this does not mean that the vengeance of God is a good subject with which to start a conversation! Present the love of God before discussing the judgment of God.

- How do you see God's grace in your faith story?

4. Keep It Simple

Don't make the mistake of thinking that you have to "prove" the Gospel—or create an intellectual argument to impress people. The apostle Paul stayed with the simplicity of the Gospel, and God blessed His Word tremendously. "When I came to you brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:1-2).

- Have you ever felt pressure to “prove” the truth of your faith?
- How can you resist the temptation to get bogged down in complex arguments and, instead, focus on the simple truth of the Gospel?
- Print out the training piece that goes along with this theme so that you can practice writing your testimony. Then practice sharing your faith story!