



Testimony Guide

- Write a brief testimony (1-2 pages) of your salvation experience.
- In your testimony, answer these three questions:
 - 1) What do you recall about your conversion or confirmation experience?
 - 2) How have you grown in your faith since your conversion or confirmation?
 - 3) In what ways are you currently using your gifts and resources to serve the Lord?
- Share the testimonial with selected family and friends, both those who are Christ followers and those who are not yet Christ followers.
- Share a copy with the pastor by sending a copy to esmith@fbcp.org, or giving a printed copy to the pastor's administrative assistant, Elizabeth Smith. (No testimonies will be shared without your permission.)

How to Write Your Christian Testimony

6 Easy Steps for Putting Together Your Christian Testimony

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These steps are designed to help you write your Christian testimony. They apply for both long and short, written and spoken [testimonies](#). Whether you are planning to write down your full, detailed testimony or preparing a quick 2-minute version of your testimony to share on a [short-term mission trip](#), these tips and steps will help you tell others with sincerity, impact and clarity what God has done in your life.

1 - Realize the Power of Your Christian Testimony

First and foremost - remember - there is power in your testimony! Revelation 12:11 says we overcome our enemy by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony.

2 - Study an Example of a Testimony from the Bible

Read [Acts 26](#). Here the [Apostle](#) Paul gives his testimony.

3 - Spend Time in Thought Preparation

There are a few things to consider before you start writing your testimony. Think about your life

before you met the Lord. What was going on in your life leading up to your conversion? What problems or needs were you facing at the time? How did your life change after that?

4 - Start with a Simple 3-Point Outline

A three-point approach is very effective in communicating your personal testimony. The outline focuses on **before** you trusted Christ, **how** you surrendered to him, and the difference **since** you've been walking with him.

- **Before:** Simply tell what your life was like before you surrendered to Christ. What were you searching for before coming to know Christ? What was the key problem, emotion, situation or attitude you were dealing with? What motivated you? What were your actions? How did you try to satisfy your inner needs? (Examples of inner needs are loneliness, fear of death, insecurity. Possible ways to fill those needs include work, money, drugs, relationships, sports, sex.)
- **How:** How were you converted? Simply tell the events and circumstances that caused you to consider Christ as the solution to your searching. Take time to identify the steps that brought you to the point of trusting Christ. Where were you? What was happening at the time? What people or problems influenced your decision?
- **Since:** How has your life in Christ made a difference? How has his forgiveness impacted you? How have your thoughts, attitudes and emotions changed? Share how Christ is meeting your needs and what a relationship with him means to you now.

5 - Important Tips to Remember

- **Stick to the point.** Your conversion and new life in Christ should be the main points.
- **Be specific.** Include events, genuine feelings and personal insights that clarify your main point. This makes your testimony tangible - something others can relate to.
- **Be current.** Tell what is happening in your life with God now, today.
- **Be honest.** Don't exaggerate or dramatize your life for effect. The simple truth of what God has done in your life is all the [Holy Spirit](#) needs to convict others of their sin and convince them of his love and grace.

6 - Things to Avoid

Stay away from "Christianese" phrases. These "foreign" or "churchy" words can alienate listeners and readers and keep them from identifying with your life.