



## The Power of a Faith Story

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*“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” 1 Peter 3:15*

All believers can be prepared to engage people in spiritual conversations and do what they can to point people toward faith in God.

### Three Components of Your Faith Story

When a person is open to hearing your faith story, all that he or she really wants to know are three things:

- (1) What you were like before you met Christ;
- (2) How you came to know Christ; and
- (3) What you have been like after submitting your life to God.

In each of the components of your faith story, there are two critical facts to be shared.

- (1) **What were you like before Christ?** Specifically share your “situation” and a “characteristic” that best describes you. For example:

<u>Situation</u>	<u>Characteristic</u>
Career	Success
Health	Fearful
Job	Security
Divorce	Failure

- (2) **How did you come to know Christ?**

A. *What led up to you receiving Christ?* (Be specific.)

<u>Circumstance/ Event</u>	<u>How did you feel?</u>
Death	Sorrow
Job adversity	Anxious/no peace
Finances	Worry/ fear
Marriage	Anger/ frustration
Health	Fear

B. *Who is Jesus Christ and what has He done for us?*

*C. How did you respond to the message of Christ?*

“I prayed and asked Jesus to come into my life”

“I put my faith and trust in Jesus Christ”

“I asked God to forgive me and gave my life to Him”

**(3) What is the primary difference Christ has made in your life?**

Characteristic

Your Example

Joy

Peace

No longer an angry person

Be genuine and humble—it disarms people.

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[Exercise]**

**What was I like before I met Christ?**

*(Write down two “situations” and two words that best describe your character.)*

Situation

Character

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**How did I come to know Christ?**

*A. What led up to my decision?*

Circumstance/ Event

How did I feel?

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*B. What did I do?*

**What am I like since I gave my life to Christ?**

Characteristic

Example

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