

## HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH AS A NEW CHRISTIAN:

### *A Simple 3-Part Testimony (Before, How, After)*

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If you are a new Christian, learning how to share your faith can feel exciting and often bubbles up naturally as you simply tell what Jesus has done in your life. The good news is that you do not need a perfect speech. All you need is a simple plan and a real story.

## REALLY SEEING PEOPLE

The first step of **how to share your faith** is not about talking; it's about seeing.

**Seeing the people around you. Stopping to connect with them and praying for them. Spending time getting to know them and doing things together. SEE, STOP, SPEND TIME WITH, and then, SHARE.**

A simple goal that helps me: talk 30 percent, listen 70 percent. And as you listen, you will often find an opening where your story connects with their story.

## THE 3-PART GOD-STORY (TESTIMONY FORMAT)

### 1 BEFORE: What was life like before God showed up?

You do not need to make it dramatic; just be honest. Maybe you were anxious, depressed, lonely, angry, addicted, proud, confused, trying to prove yourself, or trying to earn love. Share the real need.

### 2 HOW: How did you encounter Jesus?

Where were you? What happened? What did you do? Maybe it was a church service, a conversation with a friend, a prayer in your bedroom, a chat over coffee, or even a moment alone in your car.

### 3 AFTER: What changed?

This is the power of your story. Maybe you went from fear to courage, from anxiety to peace, from shame to forgiveness, from isolation to belonging, or from being stuck to being free.

## A QUICK EXAMPLE GOD-STORY

Growing up, I was full of fear, anxiety, and worry, and honestly, full of pride too. I was a mess. I tried to live my own way and thought it would satisfy me. But it did not. I felt alone, and I got so low, I was even considering ending it all.

One night, I remember sitting in the closet of my childhood bedroom in despair, and I thought, "Maybe I should do what I have heard my whole life. Maybe I should pray to Jesus." So I did. I asked Him to intervene. And He did.

I went from desperately lonely to deeply satisfied. My depression was replaced with joy. I went from being too afraid to even say hello to someone at a lunch table to someone willing to speak about Jesus.

That is what He does.

## AFTER THE STORY: SHARE THE GOSPEL (1 MINUTE)

You might say something like: "This was possible in my life because Jesus died on the cross for the sins that separated us from God. He rose from the dead, which means He is alive today. He loves you, and He wants a relationship with you."

Scripture gives you solid ground here:

- **Romans 5:8 (ESV):** "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
- **1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (ESV):** "Christ died for our sins... He was buried... He was raised on the third day..."

This is a key part of **how to share your faith**: keep the Gospel clear. God loves us. Sin separates us from God. Jesus died to bring us back God. Jesus rose from the dead and is alive. Jesus loves us.

## END WITH A QUESTION (THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING)

Ask a question like:

- "Is this something you are interested in?"
- "Do you want God to do something like this in your life too?"
- "Would you like to follow Jesus?"

This is part of learning **how to share your faith** that many people skip, but it matters. A question invites a response.

And when you ask, you will usually hear one of three answers.

## THE 3 RESPONSES YOU WILL HEAR

### 1 Response 1: "I'm ready to follow Jesus."

Do not delay; pray with them right then. Romans 10:9 (ESV): "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." You can say, "Pray in your own words, but here is a simple start: 'Jesus, I believe you died for my sin and rose from the dead. Today I want to follow you.'"

### 2 Response 2: "I'm not interested."

Don't argue. Keep loving them. Pray, serve, stay kind, and stay real. Over time, God can soften hearts. Remember, **how to share your faith** is not the same as how to win a debate. You are planting seeds.

### 3 Response 3: "I'm interested, but not ready."

Invite them to meet regularly and explore who Jesus is. Read Bible stories together. Let them ask questions. If you do not know an answer, say, "Let's find out together."

## A REAL MOMENT THAT STILL SHAKES ME

One time, my wife and I were at a restaurant with the president of our ministry. Our server bumped into him. She forgot ice in his sweet tea.

I said, "Ma'am, this might sound a little weird, but right now the Lord Jesus Christ is thinking about you, and He thinks you are awesome." She gasped and walked away, but a moment later bent over a counter and started weeping. Afterward, she wrote me a letter.

It said she had bought equipment to take her life the next day, and when I said God was thinking about her, it was the first time she understood who He really is. She gave her life to Jesus right there.

That moment reminds me why learning **how to share your faith** matters. You never know what someone is carrying when they walk up to your table, your desk, your front porch, or your checkout line.

1. PRAY: "JESUS, HELP ME REALLY SEE PEOPLE."

2. PREPARE YOUR 60-SECOND GOD-STORY (BEFORE, HOW, AFTER).

3. LOOK FOR ONE MOMENT THIS WEEK TO PRACTICE HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH.