

Video Directions for Recording Your Testimony

Thank you for joining *In Jesus' Steps* in our mission to share the gospel with a hurting world. You are participating and making a difference by sharing your personal story or testimony of trusting Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

Here is a list of points you may want to cover in your video—and remember, it's ideal to keep the time between 2 and 5 minutes in length. You may choose to make yours longer, but people often leave videos or skip watching them altogether if the time is longer than 2 minutes.

POINTS TO COVER (these are just thought starters, and not mandatory)

- Use your first name (not last name) and say something interesting. You have 30 seconds to engage the viewer.
- What was your life like before accepting Jesus as your Savior?
- How did you hear about Jesus and trust Him as your Lord and Savior?
- Include facts about being a sinner and Jesus dying for our sins — that Jesus was raised from dead and is the Son of God.
- How has your life changed after trusting Jesus and becoming his follower or a Christian?
- Share the thing that surprised you the most about becoming a follower of Christ.
- Complete the thought: “If I did not have this relationship with Jesus Christ, I would be ...”

ENDING End your video by encouraging the viewer to accept Christ as their savior. You may have your own way of doing this, but here is a prayer you can use by asking the viewer to pray with you:

Lord Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God who died for my sins. I have not obeyed God and I am truly sorry. Right now, I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my life. I receive You as my Lord and Savior. I want God's plan for my life. I will follow You and obey You in all that I do. Thank You, Heavenly Father, for saving me and loving me. I love You. Amen.

CAMERA SET UP This can be done easily at a desk, table, or kitchen counter. Please note our recommended set up in the diagram on the next page. Again, this can be done with your computer camera, cell phone, tablet, etc.

You want to try to have the “camera” positioned at eye-level, so it is not looking up at you, or at an odd angle. Also, make sure the space from your shoulders to the top of your head is visible -- don't crop too tightly.

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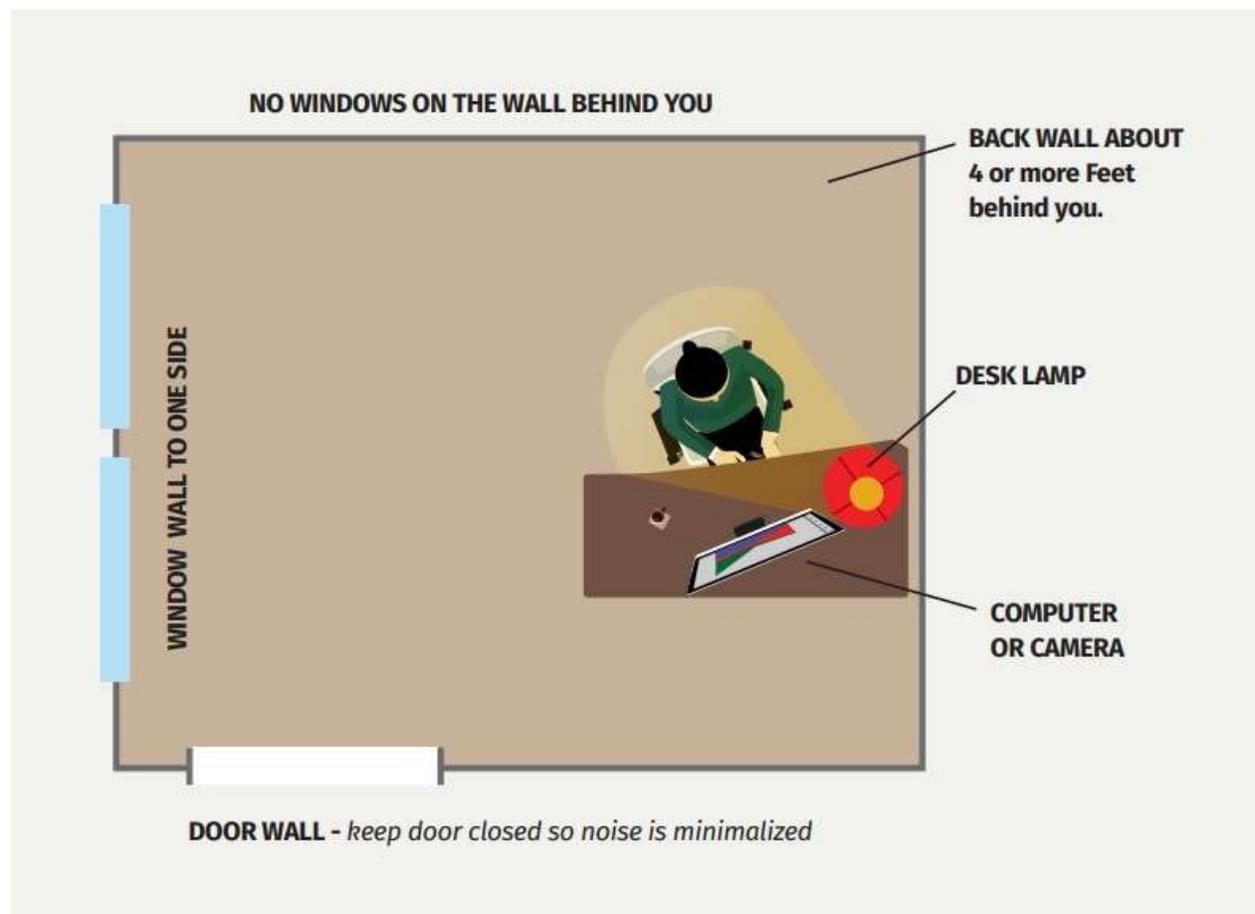
You should be seated about 2–3 feet (arm’s length) away from your computer/camera, with an overhead light on, and a desk lamp to ONE SIDE of your computer/camera.

Make sure there is NOT any bright light source such as a lamp or an open window directly behind you. This will ensure that we can see you clearly (and you won’t look like a silhouette).

Make sure the background is not too busy or cluttered (like a messy bookshelf). The simpler the background is, the better. However, it’s nice to have something more interesting than a blank wall. We recommend you not include personal photos in the background (as a privacy issue).

WARDROBE You should be comfortable, but nicely/fully dressed. Solid colors such as blue or grey or yellow work best. If you don’t want a color, choose something other than solid white or black — maybe charcoal or light gray. Stay away from small stripes or busy patterns because they can be distracting.

EXAMPLE LAYOUT This is just an example of how to set up for your video.



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SENDING YOUR VIDEO TO US: Since video files are always LARGE files, you should upload your video to a cloud storage provider such as Dropbox, Google Drive, Microsoft One Drive, etc. Just send one “take”. Once successfully uploaded, just send us the link to your file in an email. Send it to us at anders.skaar7@gmail.com. You can also compress your video using software or free app such as Handbrake.

PROCESSING We will let you know when your testimony is published. Staff or volunteers may edit or shorten your video to meet our specifications. You should be aware that once you donate your video it becomes our property. We will not ask you for permission for any edits we make.

IN CLOSING Thank you for taking the time and energy to do this. Being on-camera is no easy task, even for professionals. But only God knows how your video may impact someone who is depressed or contemplating suicide. Your testimony will touch countless people. Someday, in glory, you will know and meet the people you touched.