

TESTIMONY WRITING GUIDE

**"IN YOUR HEARTS HONOR CHRIST THE LORD AS
HOLY, ALWAYS BEING PREPARED TO MAKE A
DEFENSE TO ANYONE WHO ASKS YOU FOR A REASON
FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU" 1 PETER 3:15**



WHAT IS A TESTIMONY?

TESTIMONIES ARE USED TO IGNITE A SPARK WITHIN US, MOTIVATING US TO STRIVE FOR A DEEPER CONNECTION WITH OUR FAITH AND EMBRACE A LIFE GUIDED BY GOD'S PURPOSE. THEY ENCOURAGE US TO EXAMINE OUR OWN JOURNEY, EVALUATE OUR CHOICES, AND MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES THAT ALIGN WITH OUR BELIEFS.

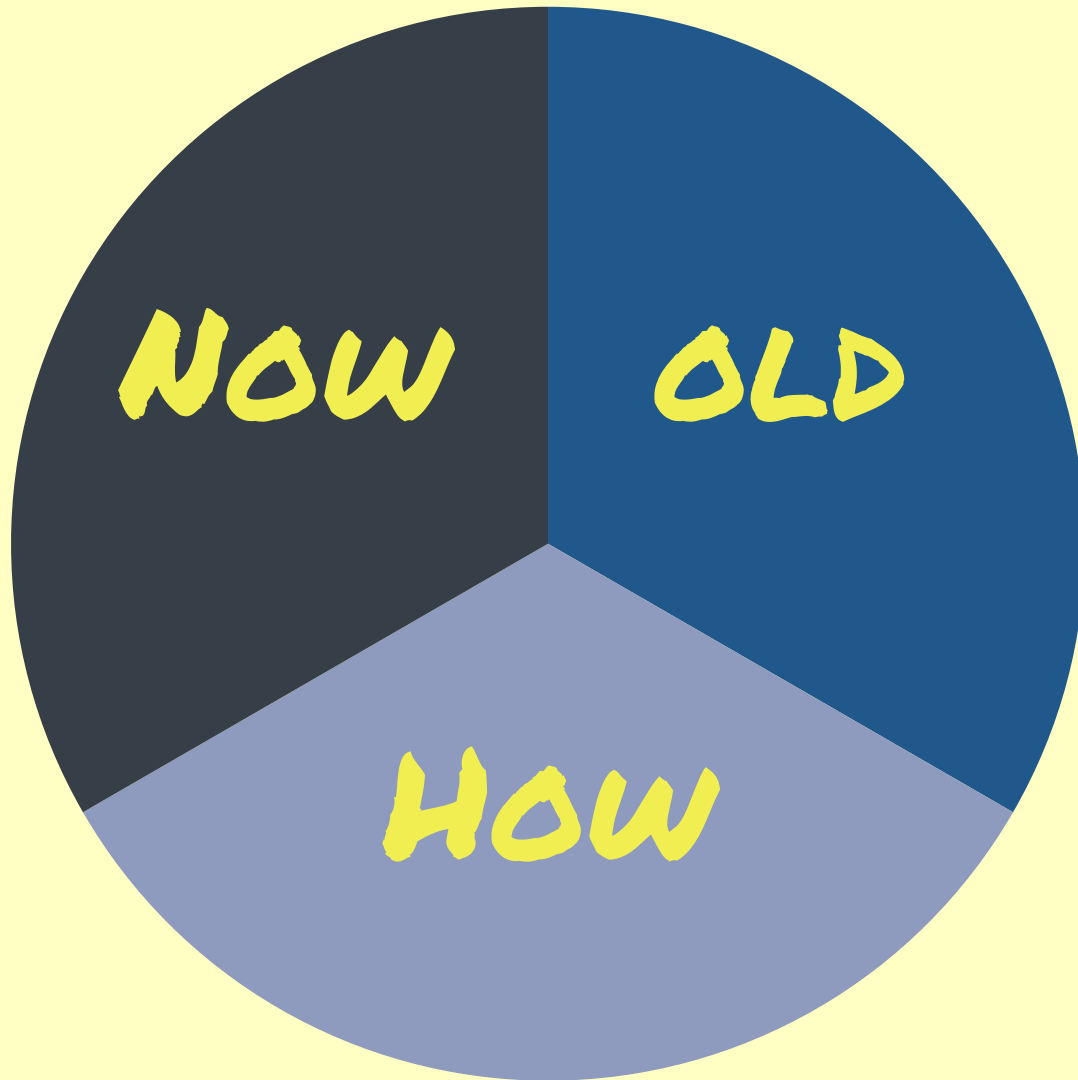
BY SHARING PERSONAL ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD, TESTIMONIES PROVIDE US WITH A ROADMAP TO NAVIGATE THE CHALLENGES OF EVERYDAY LIFE. THEIR STORIES INSPIRE US TO SEEK A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR CREATOR, CULTIVATE GRATITUDE AND COMPASSION, AND EMBRACE THE BLESSINGS HE HAS BESTOWED UPON US.

★ TESTIMONIES SHOW
GOD'S CHARACTER

★ TESTIMONIES ARE A PERSONAL
ACCOUNT OF HOW GOD RESCUED
YOU FROM SIN AND DEATH, AND
HOW YOUR LIFE CHANGED
BECAUSE OF SALVATION

★ TESTIMONIES
SHOW HOW
MUCH GOD
LOVES US BY
HOW HE WORKS
IN OUR LIVES

VISUALIZATION OF TESTIMONY PARTS



- 1/3 Old Life (33.3%)
- 1/3 How You Were Saved (33.3%)
- 1/3 What God Has Done For You Now (33.3%)

IN ACTS 22:1-21, PAUL SHOWS US HOW TO SHARE OUR TESTIMONIES:

- ✦ **IN VERSE 1-3, PAUL SHARES A BRIEF HISTORY
OF HIS LIFE**
- ✦ **IN VERSE 4-5, PAUL SHARES ABOUT HIS LIFE
BEFORE CHRIST**
- ✦ **IN VERSE 6-13, PAUL EXPLAINS HOW HE CAME
TO KNOW CHRIST**
- ✦ **IN VERSE 14-18, PAUL SHARES ABOUT HIS LIFE
AFTER COMING TO KNOW CHRIST**
- ✦ **IN VERSE 19-21, PAUL CLOSES WITH HIS
OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST**

QUESTIONS TO HELP YOU:

★ WHAT PAINFUL EXPERIENCES HAVE YOU GONE THROUGH AND HOW HAS GOD USED THOSE EXPERIENCES AS PART OF YOUR STORY?

★ WHAT WAS GOING ON AROUND YOU AND INSIDE OF YOU BEFORE YOU CAME TO CHRST?

★ WHAT NEGATIVE EMOTIONS DID YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU WERE SAVED?

★ WHAT DID YOU DO WHEN THINGS WENT WRONG BEFORE YOU WERE SAVED? WHAT DO YOU DO DIFFERENTLY NOW?

★ HOW HAVE YOU USED THOSE PAINFUL CIRCUMSTANCES TO HELP OTHERS?

★ WHAT NEGATIVE EMOTIONS DID YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU WERE SAVED?

★ WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE AND WHY?

APPLYING HEAR:

H - HIGHLIGHT

★ **HIGHLIGHT THE TRANSFORMATION GOD
MADE IN YOUR LIFE**

E - EXPLAIN

★ **EXPLAIN HOW GOD USED THE WORST PARTS
OF YOUR LIFE TO SHOW HIS GRACE**

A - APPLY

★ **APPLY THE GOSPEL AS A DAILY PRACTICE IN
YOUR NEW LIFE**

R - RESPOND

★ **RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL TO SHARE YOUR
FAITH BY MOTIVATING OTHERS TO COME TO
CHRIST**

WHAT IS A FIXED MINDSET?

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A fixed mindset is best described as someone who could be stuck in their own ways. We all know someone like this - a bit stubborn, afraid to try new things because they might fail, often appearing to know it all, because they don't want to look “weak”. This person might seem to have an overall negative outlook.

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WHAT IS A GROWTH MINDSET?

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A growth mindset is best described as the “positive polly.” This person doesn’t come to a challenge without their positive vibes and always puts their best foot forward. A person with a growth mindset looks for the silver lining in any situation they find themselves in and is constantly trying to learn, grow, and better themselves.

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WHY DOES IT MATTER???

In today's culture, we all like instant results. Sometimes, we can be quick to give up when faced with a hard problem, but that doesn't help us achieve our goals. Research has shown that a growth mindset drives motivation and achievement, and has also found that when people believe they can improve their abilities, they come to learn that effort makes them stronger than those with fixed mindsets (1). This outlook encourages those that practice a growth mindset to put more time and effort into meeting their goals, overall leading to higher achievement rates in their lives (2).

As followers of Christ, we are called to trust in the plans that the Lord has for us and know that all things work together for good to those that love God (Romans 8:28). God puts us in tough situations to humble us, grow our faith, and allow us to rely on Him and Him alone. James 1:2-4 tells us "Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing." The next time you face a trial, remember to whom you belong and try using the growth mindset!

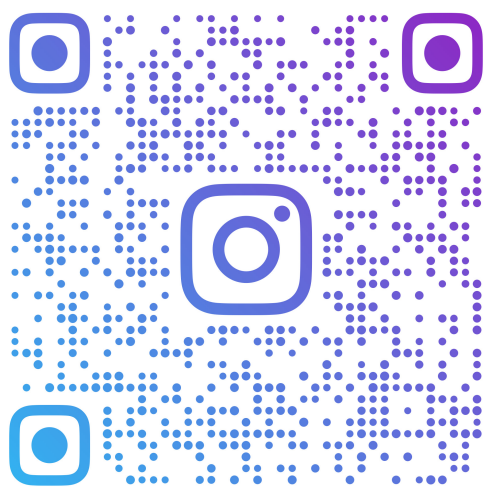
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"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45