

Faith and Purpose Podcast Guidelines

Thank you for being willing to share your faith story on Faith & Purpose podcast! Here is what you need to know to get ready:

People are more drawn to, and inspired by, real life stories than by theological discussions. So, keep in mind that this is about your real life experiences that led you to faith in Jesus.

Pray that Holy Spirit will bring to mind everything that He would have you share on the podcast.

The podcast episode will be approximately one hour, so you won't have time to tell everything about your life, so here are some suggestions.

How to prepare:

Write down some notes about the most impactful events and people in your life in chronological order. Please don't write a story to read. Just make an outline to follow as you tell your story from the heart.

A simple way to organize your story is to start with what your life was like before Christ, how you came to faith, and what your life is like now.



Think about meaningful events, people, and God-encounters that you have had. Include challenges that you've overcome and how the Lord dealt with you, and what you learned through it all.

Keep in mind that listeners come to get a problem solved or be encouraged. God will use your story to touch someone you may never meet. Telling how He helped you through one or more crises or tough situations will be encouraging to others, and the Father could use it to draw unbelievers to faith in the Christ that your story represents.

If your story includes other people you may want to get their permission to use their names or consider referring to them as "this person," or "a relative," or "that friend," or even use a pseudonym.

If you are currently in the midst of a trial, consider what you can share that would be helpful to someone else, and what you may want to keep private until you have received your victory.

The recording process:

We'll decide together on a date and time when you won't be interrupted for at least an hour and a half so we can record via Zoom. The day before our interview, I'll send a zoom link to your email address.

Whether we are recording in person or online via Zoom, I will mostly be listening, but I may ask questions to help you expand or clarify something you say that I think will be meaningful to listeners. Or I may make a comment that relates certain scriptures to your story. But this is your story, so I can easily edit out anything you or I say that can be confusing or irrelevant to your story.

The overall goal is to relax and have a natural conversation as if it were just between you and me. So, just relax and trust Holy Spirit to

guide what you say. My experience is that He probably won't exactly follow your outline, but it sure helps to have one!

On the day of the recording we'll go over any questions or concerns you may have about the podcast and make sure our sound settings are as good as they can be. Then, we'll pray and turn it all over to Holy Spirit and get started.

I won't describe you to the audience because I want them to discover you by listening to you tell your story. I'll just introduce you by name and let you start talking.

Toward the end of our time I will ask you what you believe your life purpose is now. So, you may want to think about that in advance.

I'll also ask you to share one meaningful bit of wisdom from your life experience that you think will help others.

After that, I'll ask you to pray for the listeners.

After that, we'll turn off the recording.

What happens after we record:

It will take me two or three days to edit the podcast and then I will send the edited version to you to listen to via your phone or computer. If you hear something that you want to edit out, just make a note of where it is in the conversation and I can delete it.

When you are happy with the recording, we can publish it and you'll be more international than you ever thought you would be! You will be sharing your faith with everyone that God knows can benefit from your testimony.

Here are some important technical guidelines:

In order to get the best quality recording of your story please be prepared by doing the following:

Find the most quiet space in your home or office where you can be as far as possible from leaf blowers, mowers, planes, loud cars, alarms, air conditioners, pets, kids, etc. A room with sound absorbing materials like a carpet, curtains, pillows, couches and rugs will have the best acoustics. It doesn't have to be perfect because I can edit out some noise, but avoid if you can, rooms with bare floors and walls.

If you don't have the Zoom app on your computer you can download it for free.

If you have headphones and a microphone that would be optimal. If not I have found that the wired earbuds with a built-in mic work pretty well. But if all you have are Bluetooth earbuds, or your computer microphone and speakers, those will work OK as long as you are not in a room that has hard floors and walls that echo.

Before we start the interview we'll both have to make sure that other apps are closed and our phones are silenced so we don't get unintended noises.

We will be able to see each other during the recording but the podcast will only be in audio. You will be able to take a break if needed.

If you have questions, or to set a date to tell your story, just email me a jesse@jesseduke.net

Thank you for your courage to do this for the Lord. I look forward to it!

Jesse