

THE NOTICE

Guidelines for preparing your story

First of all, thank you for wanting to share your story! We cannot wait to hear what God has done for you!

Maybe you feel a little nervous about getting in front of people, but please be encouraged. Not only can we help you tell your story in your unique way, you are actually acting in obedience to God's word by telling others what He has done!

So enjoy preparing your story and be in prayer for those who will hear it. One cannot describe the blessings that come from sharing your story with others.

If people cannot see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves. But when they attend to what He reveals; they are most blessed. Proverbs 28:19 (MSG)

Return home and tell how much God has done for you. Luke 8:39 (NIV)

Using Paul's testimony in Acts 26 as a biblical model, here's how to organize your thoughts.

- **Lead-In** - This is where you give background for your story. Tell us a little about yourself and the situation you find yourself in
- **Before** - This is where you get vulnerable. This is where you identify your actions based on your unsatisfied deep inner needs. This may be lack of peace; fear of death; something missing; no meaning to life; desire to be in control; loneliness; lack of security; lack of purpose; lack of significance; no real friends; or no motivation. Basically, you feeling unnoticed by God. You may have tried to fill that need through marriage/family/work/drugs or alcohol/sports/fitness/money/education/hobbies/sex/wrong friends/food
- **How** - This is the glorious part where we talk about how God noticed us. Did He see you in a way that no one else did? How did He do that? How could you tell it was God who did it and not coincidence or fate?
- **After** - State how God noticed you and how that met your deep inner needs. Show the difference that Christ has made in your life. Conclude with a statement like: "It's hard to believe that the God of the Universe took the time to notice me intimately. But the greatest benefit is that I know for certain that I am loved and seen."
- **Close** – This will most likely include a rap up with the host

Please fill out the form and return it to susan@susankhoekstra.com

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Name _____ Date _____

Date you would like to tell your story _____

Current relationship with Trinity Church (Name all activities you participate in)

Give us a short description of your story (use back if necessary)

How will you present your story?

_____ Read it _____ Tell it _____ Poetry _____ Song _____ Interviewed by host

_____ Rap _____ Skit _____ Other

What technical needs do you have to present your story? *(For musicians, a mic will be available and the ability to play tracks, but there will be no monitors or additional sound reinforcement available)*

Name _____ Signature _____

Send materials to: susan@susankhoekstra.com