

Tell Your Story

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In early church times, in the face of severe persecution and strict warnings not to preach in the name of Jesus, the disciples Peter and John responded: “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:19-20). That is an apt description of how Kingdom ambassadors speak of their faith in Jesus: They *tell their story*. In other words, they “testify” or offer a brief “testimony.”

We have designed the chart below to help you prepare your testimony. It also includes relevant Bible verses.

Pray for the nonbelievers you know in several ways, including family, work, neighborhood, activities, hobbies, and organizations. Pray for them in light of the Scriptures in column one below. These verses are part of a tool called the “Romans Road,” which lists Bible truths you can use to share the gospel.

Column two is headed by Romans 6:23. This column contains three time periods in your life—before, during, and after you became a follower of Jesus. Note how the “Romans Road” verses from column one correspond to the time periods in column two. Column two also provides a way for you to launch into a description of each time period in your life.

Column three provides space for you to write a short description for each time period. Follow the prompts with a few sentences each, and remember to include Scripture from column one.

The Romans Road	Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.	Personal Testimony – Sentences John 9:25c – “I was blind, now I see.”
Romans 3:23 – <i>For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.</i>	I understand what it means to be separated from God. My sinful choices were . . .	[My life before knowing Jesus Christ – I was blind]
Romans 6:23 – <i>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.</i>		
Romans 5:8-9 – <i>But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.</i>	God finally got through to me about the free gift of salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. This is how it happened . . .	[How I came to know and receive Jesus Christ – How I began to see]
Romans 10:9 – <i>Because, 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.</i>		
Romans 5:1 – <i>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.</i>	Since I received Jesus Christ into my life, everything has changed. Here is what my life is like now . . .	[My life after receiving Jesus Christ – Now I see]
Romans 8:1 – <i>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.</i>		