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SHARING YOUR STORY

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3 common STRUGGLES:

1. I still have many flaws/I am not a good example of a Christian
 2. I am afraid of offending others/afraid of being rejected or losing the friendship
 3. I don't have a dramatic conversion experience or turning point
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Story of the Samaritan woman in John 4



“He told her everything that she ever did”

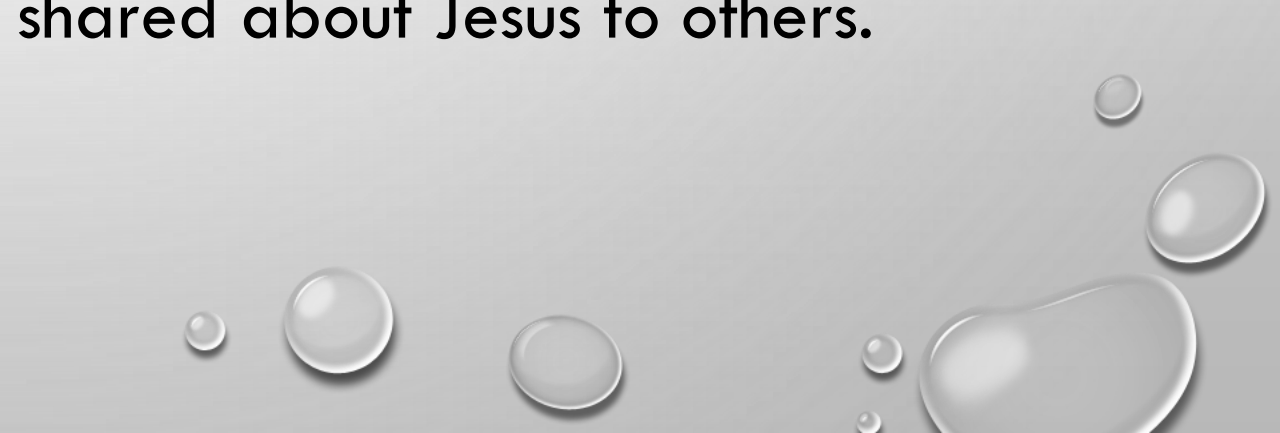
John 4:28-29

Samaritan woman went back to town and said, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"





3 PRINCIPLES:

1. **God – our story is about God.** The Samaritan woman still had many flaws and was still a sinner but she pointed others to Jesus.
 2. **Spirit – work with the Holy Spirit as we pray:** The Samaritan woman invited others to “come and see” and left it to the Holy Spirit to do His part.
 3. **Anyone – anyone can share :** The Samaritan woman had a quiet change of heart but still shared about Jesus to others.
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The Result :

John 4:39

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."



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**My Story is about
God's story**

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IDENTIFYING
the *Key* points or concepts

Identify the key words/concepts

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<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Angry, bad temper2. Self-centered, materialistic3. Fearful4. Depressed, suicidal, lonely5. Meaningless life6. Sickly, dying7. Disbelief in God, Wrong belief about God8. No personal relationship with God9. Others: _____	<p>Describe why and how you became a Christian so that your listener may know how to receive Jesus.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Better temper, forgiving2. Generous, less materialistic3. Peaceful, loving4. Joyful, positive, friendly5. Fruitful life6. Healed, alive7. Experienced that God is real and true8. Personal experience of God9. Others: _____

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DEVELOPING
the Key points or concepts



3 TIPS for sharing our story:

Simply

Authentically

Frequently





Simply...



a. Word Replacement:

Sunday School to Sunday Bible class in church

Sunday School teacher to Bible Class teacher

Sinner to offended God

Sinner's Prayer to receive Jesus into my life

Lord and Saviour to God

Convert to became a Christian

Backslide to turn away from God

Salvation to saved from eternal separation from God

Simply...



b. **K**eep **I**t **S**hort & **S**uccinct

- within 200 words
- use short sentences

Authentically (Honestly)

BEFORE (30%)	TURNING POINT (20%)	AFTER (50%)
<p>I used to... (think/feel/do/be)</p> <p>because...</p>	<p>Then I became a Christian because... (someone/something)</p> <p>Then I felt convicted by God...</p>	<p>Since then, I began to... (think/feel/do/be)</p> <p>Thereafter, I have become more/less...</p> <p>because...</p>



Frequently

Practice sharing your testimony with your SG members
in the next 2 weeks.



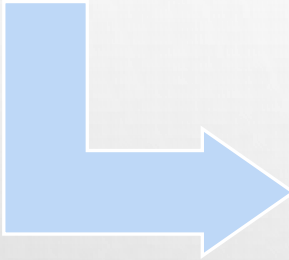
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TRANSITIONAL STATEMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Relationships:


- Who are you closest to?...
- I am/was closest to _____ and he/she is the reason I became a Christian. Let me explain...

- Before sharing your story

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- I used to be.... because... Then, I became a Christian because (of this person whom I am/was closest to)... Since then, I have become... because...

- Your story...

- After sharing your story

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- By the way, would you be free on _____? A few of my church friends are organizing a _____ on that day, and we are wondering if you could come/help out?

- Would you like to know how to have a personal relationship with God too? [share Gospel story: 4 symbols, Bridge to Life, Peace with God, etc]

Anxiety/Worry/Uncertainty:

• Just curious: when was the last time you experienced true peace in your heart?... For me, I experienced true peace when I became a Christian. Let me explain...

- Before sharing your story

I used to be.... because... Then, I became a Christian because... Since then, I have experienced true peace... because...

- Your story...

- After sharing your story

• By the way, would you be free on _____? A few of my church friends are organizing a _____ on that day, and we are wondering if you could come/help out?

• Would you like to know how to have true peace with God too? [share Gospel story: The Four, Bridge to Life, Peace with God, etc]

Aspiration/Dreams:

• What's one dream/aspiration that keeps you going? For me, my goal in life is to be a blessing since I became a Christian. Let me explain...

- Before sharing your story

I used to be.... because... Then, I became a Christian because... Since then, my goal in life is to be a blessing... because...

- Your story...

- After sharing your story

• By the way, would you be free on _____? A few of my church friends are organizing a _____ on that day, and we are wondering if you could come/help out?

• Would you like to know more about God? [share Gospel story: The Four, Bridge to Life, Peace with God, etc]

Disappointment/Discouragement:

I'm sorry to hear that you are going through a rough time. Is there anything I can do to help you? For me, when I go through a rough time, I turn to God for help. Let me explain...

- Before sharing your story

• I used to be.... because... Then, I became a Christian because... Since then, I always turn to God for help whenever I go through a rough time because...

- Your story...

- After sharing your story

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Purpose/Meaning:

Have you ever wondered what is the purpose of your life? For me, I found my purpose in life after knowing God. Let me explain...

- Before sharing your story

• I used to be.... because... Then, I became a Christian because... Since then, my purpose in life is to love God and others because...

- Your story...

- After sharing your story

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**Have a blessed time sharing
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