

Share Your Testimony

AND GLORIFY GOD

Psalm 107:2 says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story." If you have received the free gift of salvation by placing your faith in Jesus, you have an incredibly important and special story to share with others! Often Christians feel overwhelmed by sharing the gospel, but it doesn't have to be complicated. Laced within every follower of Jesus' story is the gospel because His extravagant love gave you a new life (1 Corinthians 5:17). By taking the time to practice sharing the valuable testimonies God has given you, you will feel more prepared to live out the calling of making God's name great in conversations.

3 MINUTE TESTIMONY

Begin by reading Acts 22, and take a moment to think about what you notice about Paul's testimony (what was said, how it was said, etc.).

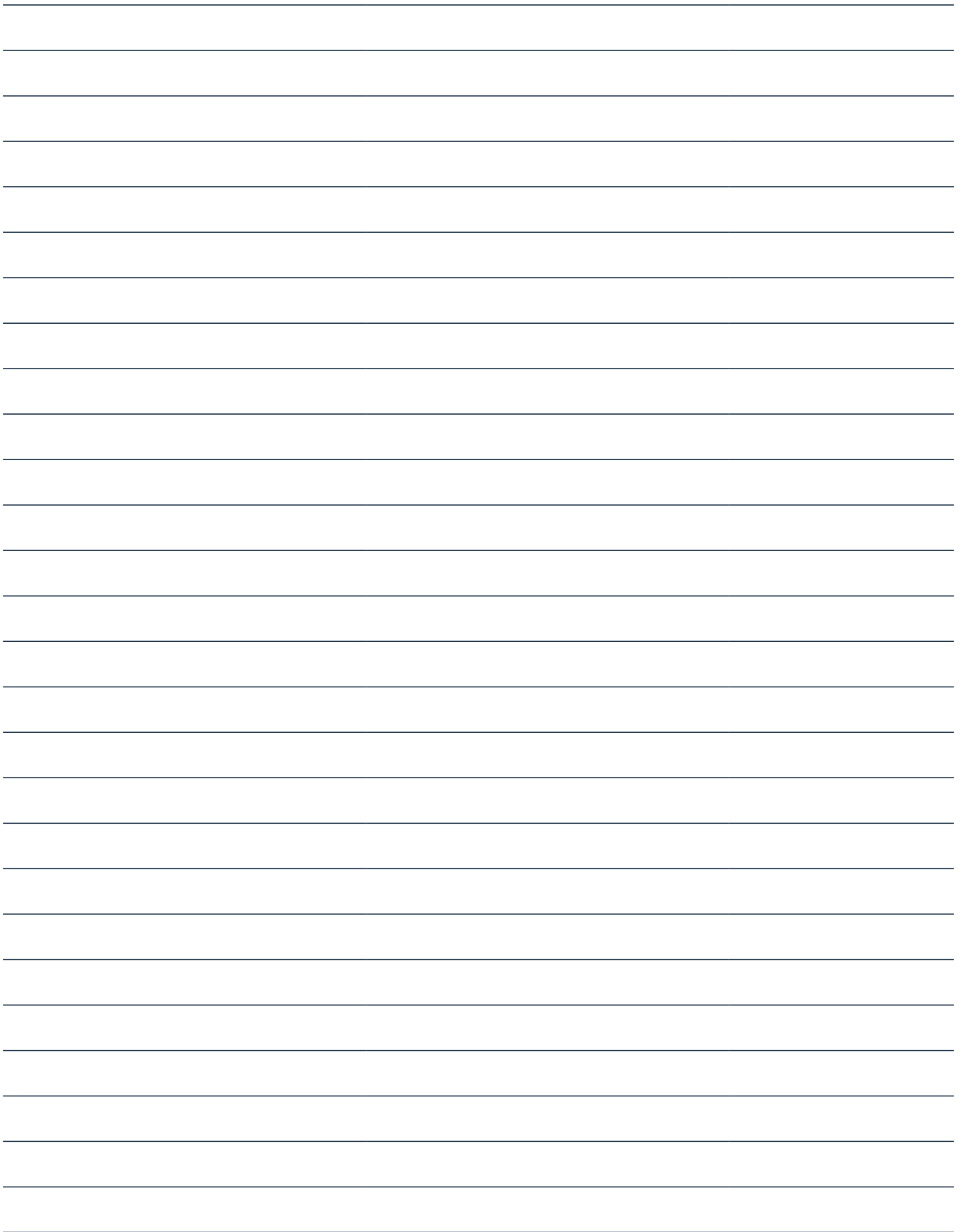
In the passage, Paul shares three crucial parts to His story:

1. Who he was before Christ.
2. How he first encountered Christ.
3. Who he is after trusting in Christ.

When you read his testimony, you may have noticed it didn't take any more than 3 minutes to finish. You should also try to keep your testimony around that time; any longer and you may lose your audience's attention. If they wish to hear more, they will ask, and you can share.

Now, it's your turn! Spend some time writing out your salvation testimony. Be sure to record the most crucial details, and remember the point of your testimony is to point back to how great God is.

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17



15 SECOND TESTIMONY

Begin by reading John 4:1-26 & 39-42. Next, take a moment to think about what the woman shared and how it affected the lives of others.

The Samaritan woman had no seminary degree or training. She was, however, deeply affected by her encounter with Jesus and desired to share her joy with others no matter what her reputation once was and what people may think of her.

While the Samaritan woman's story was about her first-time encounter with Jesus, as you grow in your faith and go through various experiences, both good and hard, new testimonies of the Lord's faithfulness arise to strengthen you and others. When you take time to remember and practice the many testimonies the Lord has given you, you will be able to share more naturally and readily when conversations arise.

A 15-second testimony is a story you can tell in a short time that connects with what someone else is saying and points back to God. As a quick reference, your testimony will follow a similar outline as below.

- There was a time when...
- and then I...
- Now I...

For example, suppose someone is sharing about their struggles with anxiety. In that case, you may say, "There was a time when I also struggled with anxiety, and then I read the scripture that said, "trust the Lord with all your heart." Now, whenever I begin to feel that same anxiety creep back in, I begin to recite those words until that is what I focus on instead of my fear."

Now it's your turn! Pick three different topics below (or create your own) and practice writing a 15-second testimony for each topic you chose. You can include more details than the example above, but make sure to keep it short!

Topics:

Anxiety Loneliness Miracles Grief Change Pride/Humility
Finances Love Addiction Obstacles Fear Sickness Other: _____

