

### LET US HELP YOU WRITE YOUR TESTIMONY OF FAITH

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### **HOW TO TELL YOUR STORY**

#### Introduction / My Story

I was catching up with a friend—a former coworker from a few years back—one day, when he asked me what I was up to these days. I explained that I was now helping people understand the connection between their work and life values. He then asked me about my life values and whether I went to church too. The question was an open invitation to talk about my experience of God, so I told him my story. Fortunately, that was pretty easy since I had just written out my own personal testimony of faith some weeks before.

## **Telling Your Story**

You've probably been in similar situations. Although sharing your faith story should be pretty simple, it's not. Since we're not doing it so often, we sometimes don't know where to start of how to tell it. But it shouldn't be that way! You were there when it happened after all, so it shouldn't be more difficult than telling someone about a movie you saw last month.

#### How to prepare your story to tell others

You can tell your story better if you do a little bit of preparation. Peter wrote that we should "always be prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15). The "reason" for your hope of course is Jesus and what he has done in your life. And so we need to be ready to share our story when the chance comes up.

This might seem difficult, but it's not. At the God&Work ministry, we want to help you tell your story, so that the next time you have a chance to share it with a coworker, it will flow easily and naturally. To do this, we will use a simple set of questions to bring out the details of your testimony, and then we'll work it into a document for you to review.

Sound good? Then start by reading through the questions below to think about your testimony. After you've read through them, set aside 30 minutes to answer the reflective questions and then fill in the blanks with your thoughts. Following the blank form, we've included a sample set of answers and resulting testimony – from our founder Roland Heersink – to help you see how easy this can be.

#### Be blessed!

P.S. in order for us to help you, please fill in the Testimony questionnaire below or use the form on our website – scan the QR code or just visit <a href="https://www.GodandWork.org/testimony">www.GodandWork.org/testimony</a>



# Building your Testimony of Faith

# SECTION 1: Before I received Christ, I lived and thought this way

1. What were your attitudes, needs, problems, world view?		
2. What did your life revolve around? What was most important to you?		
3. How did you look for security, peace of mind, happiness? What was your small god?		
4. How did you find your activities unsatisfying?		
SECTION 2. How I received Christ		
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1. When did you first hear the gospel? How? Or, when were you first exposed to the real		
Christian faith?		

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2. What were your initial reactions to Jesus Ch	nrist?
3. When and why did you begin to feel positiv	e about Christianity?
4. What was the turning point in your attitude	?
5. What mental barriers did you face?	
6. How did you pray to receive Christ? What	was your prayer?

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## **SECTION 3: After I received Christ, these changes took place**

1. What changes did you see in your life, actions, attitudes, problems?		
2. Hov	v long did it take before you noticed changes (honestly)?	

If you've chosen to complete this form by filling in the PDF, and wish for us to help you, then please email it to us at <a href="mailto:info@GodandWork.org">info@GodandWork.org</a>. We will then produce a nicely-written 2-minute Testimony for you – so that you are ready to share with confidence when the moment to do so arrives.

Alternatively, you can fill in the online form given by the QR code for our website at <a href="www.GodandWork.org/testimony">www.GodandWork.org/testimony</a>.

Blessings to you, and especially as you step out to bless others!

Roland Heersink



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