

How to Prepare Your Freedom Story

God wants you tell your story so that he can receive glory from what He has done in your life! Since this is God's will why not **PRAY** and ask him to help you? As you pray through how to tell your story of finding Freedom in Christ, consider the suggestions below.

First: Writing Out Your Story:

While there is no perfect formula for writing out your story, we have found that considering the questions below can be helpful in thinking about how to structure your story. Read over these questions and write the answers out on paper.

1. What had you stuck?
 - a. Fear
 - b. Guilt/Shame
 - c. Bitterness
 - d. etc.
2. What brought you to the end of yourself? What made you realize your ____ was insufficient? (Strength, resources, intelligence, etc.)
3. How did your brokenness connect you to Christ?
 - a. What did God do?
 - b. What did others in your life do?
4. How do you continue to live free (open, transparent, and vulnerable before God and others, but not perfect)?

After answering the questions above, go back through (it helps if you have typed it) and arrange your thoughts in the order you wish to talk about them. You will be able to use these notes when talking.

Second: Practicing Telling Your Story

Practice speaking your story in front of a mirror. This may seem foolish but trust me this is what makes a good story great. You should also time it. Work to keep your story down to 20 minutes. No matter how powerful, an audience's attention can start to drift if it runs much longer than 20.

Third: Let It Go!

Have you ever found an arrowhead? If you have, you know that Native Americans diligently crafted and prepared each arrow for hunting. Yet, when the time came to use the arrow, they simply had to release it. We hope and pray that you too will spend time preparing your story, but when the time comes, you should simply release it and let it go. If you do, God WILL use your story to impact someone's heart with the life changing truth of the Gospel.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28 (NIV)