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Your story is one of the most important tools you have been given by God to share the gospel with the world around you! The most powerful part of a testimony is explaining the "WHY" behind your decision to follow Christ. Before sharing your story for the first time, make sure to write it down, practice out loud, and pray that God would use your story as you share it! 1.

START WITH A KEYWORD

The first step in writing down your faith story is choosing what keywords describe your life before Christ. Below is a list of emotions. Circle two or three that adequately describe how you felt as a result of a problem you faced without Christ in your life. You are not limited to this list, so feel free to choose a keyword of your own! This part helps keep your story compelling and on track.

alienated	depressed	alone	distrusting	angry
doubtful	apathetic	fearful	ashamed	frustrated
bitter	guilty	confused	heartbroken	hopeless
hurt	insecure	lonely	lost	prideful
rejected	uncertain	unforgiving	unloved	worthless

2. SET UP THE BACKGROUND

Now describe the situation in which you came to face this problem, and why your keyword describes the way you felt. It is more important to be honest than dramatic. This helps people relate to your story personally and understand why we need God in our lives. If you need more space, continue on the back.

3. SHARE HOW JESUS ENTERED YOUR STORY

Now describe how you came to know Jesus. Be sure to describe that moment (or that process) if you can with adjectives that show how meaningful and impactful it was for you. Try to describe how Jesus touched your heart, and how you responded (such as asking Him to be your Lord and Savior). This part challenges people's idea of what God is like

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4. STATE THE IMPACT OF CHRIST ON YOUR LIFE

Now describe how Christ impacted your problem and your life. Use the emotion opposite of your keyword and share how Christ either reversed your problem or is continually giving you the power to overcome. This is the part that inspires your hearers to place their hope in Christ.

From here, you can present to them what is called "Alive in 5."

God is Love - He genuinely loves and cares for all people no matter who they are or where they come from.

Our Sin Divides us from God - EVERYONE is born with sin, this sin separates us from God and our identity in Him.

Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life. - The Bible says the price of sin is death. Jesus took on that punishment for us by living a sinless life, dying on the cross, and being resurrected 3 days later.

We need to decide to put our faith in God - No one can make that choice but you. You have to decide to follow Christ or not. The faith of your parents, loved ones, and others won't get you to heaven.

The Holy Spirit will help us live for God - One of the scary parts of becoming a Christian is trying to figure out how to live for God well. The Holy Spirit is present and active in our lives, helping us through that journey.