Telling Your Story How to Prepare a Personal Testimony

1.	What my life was like before I met Christ.
2.	How I came to Christ
3.	What my life has been like since I met Christ.
4.	A Bible verse that is meaningful to you and why.
Guide	lines:
	Avoid using religious sounding language (saved, washed in the blood, repent, etc.) Do not put the emphasis on your feelings. Rather, put the emphasis on specific things such as problems and sinful behavior before coming to Christ. This does not mean you should not share how you felt before you came to Christ, or even afterward. People need to be able to identify with you as a real human being!
3.	Keep in mind that not everybody will be able to identify with or experience the same feelings you had when you became a Christian. So, be careful that you clearly share

- how God has begun to change your life (e.g. New purpose, new behavior, new friends, new freedom from destructive patterns of behavior, etc.)
- 4. Be sure that anyone hearing your testimony will understand the basics of the gospel and the necessity of believing in Jesus.
- 5. Be sure that your emphasis is on belief in Christ, not baptism, church membership or your feelings. He should be the focus.
- 6. Avoid being overly graphic about your sin. Share just enough details that they can understand your sin and struggle.
- 7. Don't be preachy. Sometimes we care so deeply about our friends' need for Jesus and the new life we now have that we subtly begin to think that the force with which we share will somehow cause them to believe. Conversion is God's work, not ours. Our work is to share our testimonies in God's power and allow the Spirit to work in their hearts.

If you would like us to look over your testimony and make suggestions you may send them to us at dannydloe@gmail.com and / or rebekahloe@gmail.com.