

## ARTICULATING FAITH in 30 SECONDS (or: Tiny Testimony Templates)

**testimony** — a statement of truth based on personal knowledge

**testify** — provide a true statement based on personal knowledge or experience.

Your 2-4 sentence testimony should provide a *clear* glimpse of *one* way God is currently working in your life to transform a thought, attitude, or behavior.

Avoid generalized cardboard testimony statements like:

Full of sadness // Overflowing with joy.  
Victimized by others // Victorious in Christ.  
Alone and afraid // Loved and brave.

Give a fuller picture (who, what, why, how) in tiny story form. You could testify about:

- how God is clarifying and confirming your true identify
- how God is releasing you from a controlling thoughts/action/attitude
- how God is teaching you to express/reflect his love goodness towards others
- how God is using a previous difficult/painful experience to teach/change you
- how God is walking with you through a fear/failing/difficult situation

DIFFICULT SITUATIONS/EXPERIENCES I'VE HAD IN MY LIFE:

UN-CHRISTLIKE ATTITUDES/ACTIONS/THOUGHTS IN MY LIFE:

UNTRUE THINGS I'VE BELIEVED ABOUT MYSELF (identity):

## SAMPLE TEMPLATES

When I was (age)\_\_\_\_\_, (difficult/painful experience)\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

I (how you felt/responded)\_\_\_\_\_.

Now/through that, God (what's he teaching you/how he's changing your perspective)

\_\_\_\_\_.

I used to believe/think that I was (negative/false identity) \_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_.

God is teaching me that I am (true identity)\_\_\_\_\_ by

(how God is doing this) \_\_\_\_\_.

I struggle with (an attitude towards certain people or situations) \_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus is helping me \_\_\_\_\_ by

(how God is doing this) \_\_\_\_\_.

### SAMPLES:

When I was 10, my dad left my family and we didn't hear from him for almost a year. It hurt so deeply that I started to hate him. // But as I learn more about God's love and kindness towards me, He's helping me to care about my dad again, a little more each time I'm with him.

I used to think that people didn't take me seriously. They thought I was younger than I really am because of my size. // Through that, God has been teaching me to not make judgements about people based on their appearance.

Sometime I push away the people who love me the most, like my parents. // God is showing me that they are the ones who care about me the most – and he's helping me learn to receive their love.

I used to worry that people thought I didn't belong because I struggle in school and am in classes with people younger than me. // Through that, God is teaching me how important it is to intentionally notice and reach out to people who are often ignored or looked down on.

I struggle comparing myself to others and feeling jealous of the ways I think they're better than me. // As I learn more about God's love and power, he is helping me be content in who he created me to be, and to also appreciate the uniqueness of everyone around me.

Sometimes I don't feel closely connected to God, and wonder if he's even there. // But God is helping me with that by putting people in my life who show up and remind me of his extraordinary love for me.