



# Sharing Your Faith Story

## Getting Started TIP SHEET

### What scares you the most about sharing your faith story?

- ♥ Revealing secrets about your past?
- ♥ Embarrassing a spouse or partner?
- ♥ Don't know much about the Bible?
- ♥ Weak writing or speaking skills?
- ♥ Can't figure out where to begin?
- ♥ **Be selective**
- ♥ **Generalize**
- ♥ **You know YOUR story**
- ♥ **We edit FREE**
- ♥ **Begin anywhere**

Whether you're age 16 or 86, you have a unique faith story to share. God created you to shine like a light to the world; to share the love of Jesus with those who are lonely, hungry, sick, in prison, and weighed down by failure. **Your story matters.**

1. **Get a pocket-sized JOURNAL to take with you.** When inspiration strikes, you need to be ready to jot down memories, conversations, and thoughts about your faith journey. What's your favorite praise song or hymn? Do you know a key Bible verse?
2. **Download a BIBLE APP onto your phone.** [www.Biblegateway.com](http://www.Biblegateway.com) has many translations of the Bible to choose from including, the Easy-to-Read Version (ERV). You can also look up key words like, "Lord's Prayer," and topics like, "faith" and "love."
3. **What was your childhood understanding of God?** Did your family attend church? Who first told you about Jesus? What questions or doubts did you have? Who helped provide answers? Did you say grace before dinner, or a bedtime prayer? Did you attend Vacation Bible School? What was your favorite song or activity?
4. **When did you first believe?** What circumstances were happening in your life when your faith became real? Did one big event bring you closer to Jesus? Or, did your faith grow over time. Did you respond to a Bible verse, sermon or someone sharing their own faith story? Did a mentor or friend say something that clicked? What did you think? What did you say? How did you feel?
5. **What difference has loving Jesus made in your life?** Have you changed any habits or priorities? Has your faith helped you cope with your own difficult times? Has your faith helped someone else? Where do you "see" Jesus working today? What new adventures have you undertaken? How are *you* a better person?
6. **DON'T GIVE UP.** Take your time and write as the spirit moves you. Write in the first person, "I". Be selective – you're not writing a novel! You don't have to be perfect. You do have to be honest. This is *your* unique faith story. Why *do* you love Jesus?

These tips are designed to get you started. Follow these steps, or jot down random thoughts in your pocket journal. Next, click on the [WORKSHEETS](#) link to organize a rough draft. Then, click [SUBMIT](#) to have your faith story professionally edited – **FREE!**