

10/04/09 **Contagious Faith: But I Don't Have a Story**

AM/GRE Acts 6:1-23

Listen to Mark 5:19, John 9:25, and John 4:29 – in each of these verses, someone tells their _____ about Jesus.

I. Telling Your Story – Paul's Story

Part 1: BC – Before Christ – Verses 4-11

--Paul tells about his _____ before he met Jesus Christ.

Part 2: MC – Met Christ – Verses 12-18

--Paul tells about his _____ on the way to Damascus.

--For some of you, there was a _____ change, for many of you it was a _____ awareness of Jesus as your Savior.

Part 3: AC – After Christ – Verses 19-23

--Paul describes how his life _____ after He accepted Jesus.

II. Telling Your Story – Where Do You Begin?

Part 1: BC – Before Christ: What were you like _____?

How did you try to find _____ in life? What was your early _____ background? "I grew up in a _____ home..."

Part 2: MC – Met Christ

--What happened? What motivated you to _____ Christ?

"I remember saying a _____ to God...."

Part 3: AC – After Christ

--How did your life _____ after you trusted in Christ?

"I know I'm forgiven...and I will go to _____ because..."

III. Telling Your Story – Today

#1. Be _____ - keep it under _____ minutes.

#2. Be specific – give _____ and _____.

#3. Be _____ - tell what Jesus has done for _____.

#4. Avoid _____ words that seekers won't understand...

#5. Be _____ centered – not _____ centered.

#6. Pick a _____ for your testimony – Examples: "I found _____ when..." "I really needed Jesus when..."

#7. Use a key _____ in your story. Examples: Jeremiah 29:11, Philippians 4:13

#8. End your testimony with a _____ to respond to Jesus.

Acts 26:27: Paul says: "*Do you _____*...."

"Is there any reason why you wouldn't _____ Jesus right now?"

Remember: unchurched people aren't looking for you to be _____, just honest. Jesus said; "Tell them what the _____ has done for _____."

Challenge: Write out your _____ today and _____ it today.

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How Are Your Investments?

Mark 8:34-38