

THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

REVELATION 12:10-11



Miles McPherson - March 1, 2015

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- A. We were created to live in a loving relationship with God.
- B. Sin made us God's enemy.
- C. Salvation is entering into a loving relationship with the Person of God, not information.
- D. Your testimony or story is your personal account of that journey.

1. Your story reveals and reminds you and others of the power of Christ's work in your life.

2. Your story reveals the source of hope for yourself and others.

A Bible study is what should be.

A testimony is what is!

3. Your story reminds Satan of your authority over him.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." **Revelation 12:11**

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil in your life. **1 John 3:8**

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Gospel A-B-C's

Father, I **A**dmit that I am a sinner and that my sin has brought death and destruction into my life, my relationships with people, and my relationship with God.

Romans 3:23, 6:23

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I pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

MY STORY: I WAS

GOSPEL CENTRAL SALVATION GOAL: 15,000



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Four truths about you before you knew God

1. You didn't live for God.
2. You were satisfied with sin.
3. You were created to respond positively to the Father's love.
4. Your heart would only be truly satisfied by God's love.

I WAS...

My name is _____ and I grew up in _____.

Before giving my heart to God, my life/heart was _____

I believed I would be happy if I _____.

For example, it wouldn't be uncommon for me to _____

_____ to try to fill the emptiness in my heart.

After awhile, my behavior began to make me feel _____

_____, and that wasn't working for me.

SAMPLE: I WAS...

My name is Miles McPherson and I grew up in Long Island, New York. Before giving my heart to God, my life/heart was empty and lost, searching for purpose. I believed I would be happy if I was good at football, got high on drugs, and dated girls. For example, it wouldn't be uncommon for me to get high every day and workout five to six days a week to try to fill the emptiness in my heart. After awhile, my behavior began to make me feel hopeless and lost, and that wasn't working for me.

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MY STORY: I WAS

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THEN JESUS...

At this point in my life, my belief about God was _____.

But it wasn't until I heard (or experienced) _____

and that Jesus _____ that I began to

consider trusting God with my life. I finally decided that I wanted to receive Jesus as

my Savior, so when I was _____, I proceeded to

_____. Afterwards, I didn't view _____

as my ultimate source of happiness anymore. I now know that the only way to finally

receive joy and contentment is _____.

SAMPLE: I WAS...

My name is Miles McPherson and I grew up in Long Island, New York. Before giving my heart to God, my life/heart was empty and lost, searching for purpose. I believed I would be happy if I was good at football, got high on drugs, and dated girls. For example, it wouldn't be uncommon for me to get high every day and workout five to six days a week to try to fill the emptiness in my heart. After awhile, my behavior began to make me feel hopeless and lost, and that wasn't working for me.

SAMPLE: THEN JESUS...

At this point in my life, my belief about God was that He loved me, but I only understood it in the context of religion. But it wasn't until I heard (or experienced) the gospel and that Jesus wanted to have a relationship with me that I began to consider trusting God with my life. I finally decided that I wanted to receive Jesus as my Savior, so when I was lying on my couch at five in the morning, I proceeded to pray and ask Him to forgive me. Afterwards, I didn't view drugs, football, and dating as my ultimate source of happiness anymore. I now know that the only way to finally receive joy and contentment is by obeying Jesus with all my heart.

Matthew 4:18-22, 9:9; Luke 19:1-10

I accepted Jesus' invitation into a relationship through a prayer, which outlined the terms and conditions of our relationship. It's as simple as ABC and went something like this:

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MY STORY: SINCE THEN

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SINCE THEN...

In my old life, before trusting God, I found comfort, identity, and fulfillment in _____ (the things I did to please myself). I used to take every opportunity to _____ (get high, satisfy the appetite of pride and ego). After I received Jesus, the things I did with my time completely changed. Now I _____.

My life has changed dramatically. Though I may still struggle with things, they're getting better, and I'm different in so many ways, such as _____.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR OTHERS

Let me encourage you to trust God with your life. He has been so faithful to me and has never let me down, but has always been faithful to meet all of my needs, is always right on time, and I know He will do the same for you.

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