



# The 60-Second Testimony Template

Having a short, one-minute personal testimony to share is extremely useful because it is non-threatening, story based, and can be shared anywhere with anyone (casually in the check out line at Walmart, in a conversation with a friend, with a stranger on the airplane, online in a social media reply, etc.)

This sheet will help you discover how to prepare your 60-second testimony. Take about 10-15 minutes to work through the questions below, then fill out your template to create your own 60-second story... and start sharing TODAY!

## 3 - Part Template Overview

In Acts 26, Paul shares his testimony in front of King Agrippa. In this passage, Paul provides a 3-part template for sharing our personal story of salvation. {You may want to read the chapter to see it for yourself- it's a good one!}

1. In verses 1-11, Paul describes his upbringing and life before Christ. He tells what characterized his life (self-righteousness and rage) as well as his behaviors (persecution and oppression of Christians).
2. In verses 12-18, Paul recounts his encounter with Christ. He describes the setting (where it happened, what time of day) and what happened in great detail (what God spoke to His heart and how it affected him).
3. Finally, in verses 19-23, Paul shares how he responded to Christ and his life since that time (what pivots he made, how his activities changed, how God worked in his life).

We can use this same template to craft a simple story to share EVERYWHERE! While a sermon might be off-putting, story opens the hearts of the listener and no one can argue against what you experienced. :)



# The Prep Sheets

Begin by answering the following questions. Don't edit yourself, just jot down anything and everything that comes to mind. Oh, and let this exercise be a time of worship and praise to the Lord for what He has done in your life!

## Part I: Life Before Christ

What attitudes characterized your life before you met Christ?

What lies did you believe to be true before you met Christ?

Growing up, what did you learn about God or being right with Him that just wasn't true?

What behaviors (sins!) were you caught up in before you met Christ?

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## Part II: Conversion Experience

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Describe where you were (your surroundings), how old you were, what time of day it was when you received Christ. If you don't remember, no worries, just move on to the next question.



What stood out to you about that day?



Describe any events that led up to that day:



Now describe what happened that day. What did God speak to your heart?




How did you understand the gospel of Jesus at that time?



## Part III: Life After Christ




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How did you respond to Christ that day?


What specific changes in your attitude and/or behavior did you see?

What pivots have come about in your life as a result of trusting Christ? How has that encounter with Jesus changed your life?

What spiritual markers or milestones have you experienced since becoming a believer? How has God worked in your life?



# Testimony Template

Now it's time to create your 60-second story! Look back through all your notes above and fill in the blanks with the big ideas from each section.

**Big idea (summary) from Part I:**

**Big idea (summary) from Part II:**

**Big idea (summary) from Part III:**



# Final fill in:

You know, I used to (fill in big idea from Part 1) \_\_\_\_\_

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but then (fill in big idea from Part II) \_\_\_\_\_

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and everything changed by (how) (fill in big idea from Part III) \_\_\_\_\_

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There you have it! Now start by practicing your short story with 5 people you KNOW to get comfortable sharing it. You're not allowed to practice more than 5 times though- the point is to share it with others and you'll never feel "ready" (trust me!) Pray, trust God, and DO IT!

God bless you as you share His love and faithfulness with others. I'm praying for you! AJ