

Show and Tell: Tell Your Story

1 Peter 3:15b; 1 Corinthians 2:14-15a; and John 9

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Our Lord Jesus was a Master Story-Teller. He boiled down profound wisdom lessons and weighty theological teachings into simple stories.

He knew something vitally important -- stories work!

Tell someone a story, they are likely to remember it . . .

Takeaway: Be prepared with my own **faith story!**

When you tell your faith story be:

- Brief
- Clear
- Simple
- Humble

To help you prepare your faith story consider three things:

1. Key word or concept that describes who you were **before** you met Jesus.
2. The fact that you then came into a **personal** relationship with Jesus.
3. Key word or concept that describes who you are **after** following Jesus for a time.

Challenge: Will you write out your story in 100 words or less?

Email your story to me at mdaum@northmarchurch.com

“Although I grew up hearing about Jesus, I was determined to go my own way. I wanted to be self-sufficient and independent. I was depending on myself for everything. This left me feeling stressed-out and insecure, but I covered it up with pride and acting like I had it all together. When I trusted Jesus with my life and my future and began to really follow Him, I became secure and peaceful. Now I’m depending on Him every day to see me through and He does!” Myron Daum

“For years I felt empty. I had a hole that I needed to fill, so I searched for things that could fill the hole: new house, children, friends, clothes, new job...My emptiness would be filled for a short time but I never found the ‘it’ that kept the hole filled. One day I heard a message about having a relationship with Jesus. Once I understood, accepted, and grew in my relationship with Him, my emptiness was finally filled – for good. Today, I am no longer searching for things to fill my life.”

“My life was filled with shame and fear. I was all tied up inside and isolated. Loneliness led me to a place of hopelessness. But then I met Jesus. Now I am free from my self-inflicted prison of fear and shame. I am forgiven and loved! I am peaceful about who I am and who God is making me to be. The void inside is now filled with joy – joy in knowing that I am a precious child of God.”

“I used to struggle under the burdens of a challenging career, marriage and growing family. I tried to meet these obligations with my own efforts and sufficiency. As a result, I was stressed-out-overworked-frustrated-angry-fearful-insecure-anxious-competitive-and exhausted...all the time! The challenges still exist, but Jesus eases my burdens and is sufficient where I am deficient. Now I focus on what matters to God, and He takes care of what matters to me. I face life calmly and confidently while enjoying God’s wisdom and His undeserved blessings.”

“I was angry and depressed all my life, thinking that the world revolved around me and I wasn’t getting my due. I was cynical and isolated. After finding Jesus, though, I felt an amazing love and acceptance for the first time. I began to be liked for who I was by the people around me, and my whole life changed. I came to know the joy of relating authentically with people – opening up with honesty and truthfulness about my life.”

“I was searching for acceptance. I used drugs and alcohol to make me feel like I was somebody. I thought God had put me here as a cruel joke. But then I met Jesus. He got me off drugs, off of alcohol, and He made me feel worthwhile. I now know what happiness is actually like. The void in my heart is gone. I now know I have many reasons for being here...one is to share my story to give others hope. My days are no longer miserable. Life actually means something to me now. “

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