

The Power of our Testimony

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Acts 22:1-16

Paul's testimony in Acts 22 follows the classic outline: Tell what your life was like before you encountered Jesus Christ; tell how you met Him; and tell what difference that encounter made in your life. The testimony narrative is not complicated, but it can be powerful. An effective testimony can encourage others to take a step of faith in their lives.

It is easy for us as believers to convince ourselves that we need a special calling or special training to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ. After all, we are not the apostle Paul. Yet, humbly sharing our faith story in the context of a positive personal relationship is the means whereby most people encounter Christ and come to trust in Him as their Savior.

Howard Culbertson notes that the personal testimony of a believer becomes a means whereby Jesus Christ is incarnated and made flesh before an unbeliever.* Our lives and our spiritual journeys shared with others can become the means by which the living Christ appears before an unbelieving world.

* <http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/personal.pdf>, accessed April 2016.

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