

Eyewitness of God's Power

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. NIV

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Acts 17:2-3 As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said. NIV

Acts 18:28 For he vigorously refuted the Jews in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. NIV

Personal _____ of God's _____

Example of Saul/Paul

Conversion: Acts 9

Before crowd in Jerusalem: Acts 22:3-21

Defense before governor Festus and King Agrippa: Acts 26:12-18

Explaining the grace of God: 1 Corinthians 15:9

Explaining that gospel is from God: Galatians 1:13-24

Explaining greatness of knowing Jesus compared to past life: Philippians 3:5-8

Explaining God's mercy: 1 Timothy 1:13

Acts 22:14-15 "Then he said: 'The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. ¹⁵You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.'" NIV

2 Peter 1:16 We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. NIV

1 John 1:3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. NIV

What have you seen and heard? What have you witnessed in your own walk with God?

How to Write a Testimony Tract

- Meet a need. Ask yourself, “How has God met a deep need in my life?”
- You don’t have to share the gospel, but you should point people to God.
- Share one thought well. Don’t try to pack in everything you’d like to say.
- Start off with a grabber statement or something to get their interest in the first sentence.
- Think about appropriateness in terms of what you’d want your kids or other kids in the church to read.
- After you write it and are fairly pleased with it, set it aside for a few days and then pick it up and read it again.
- Use proper English and apply the things you learned in school. (It matters to some people!)
- Let others give feedback. If you want it to be good, plan on writing it and rewriting it several times.
- Have several people proof it. Different people catch different errors.
- Use your words to paint a picture. Connect with some of the five senses when possible: taste, touch, smell, sight, hearing. Don’t just say, “I felt sad.” Describe what it felt like to feel sad.
- Don’t use christianese (religious terminology) like “I got saved,” “born again,” “testimony,” “found the Lord,” etc.
- Keep it short (~750 words)
- Use a reasonable font size. (11pt or more)

What is one of the biggest life-lessons God has taught you?

What are some struggles people in our church have had that non-Christians could relate to and would like to hear about?

What life experiences do you have that others could relate to?

Do you have any unique experiences that not many other people could write about?