



iShare

a guide to assist believers
in sharing the Good News

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LESSON 2: How iShare

In Acts 22 and 26 the Apostle Paul tells his redemption story. Both times his “testimony” was divided into 3 separate categories:

1. **His former life** (before he met Christ)
2. **How he met Christ**
3. **How his life changed** (after he met Christ)

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Paul's Story

- Paul's story in Acts 22:
- His Former Life – vs. 1-5
- How He Met Christ – vs. 6-10
- How His Life Has Changed – vs. 13-16

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Paul's Story

- Paul's story in Acts 26:
- His Former Life – vs. 1-11
- How He Met Christ – vs. 12-18
- How His Life Has Changed – vs. 19-23
- And that is our pattern as well

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Sharing Your Story Involves:

- My Life Before I met Christ
- How I Met Christ
- My life now



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1. My Life Before I Met Christ:

Before meeting Christ I.....

- Felt guilty and ashamed
- Had no purpose or direction
- Lived a meaningless life
- Felt disconnected from God
- Tried to earn God's favor & love
- Felt empty inside

People of any age relate to these feelings

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Since I was saved at a young age, my
“Before” section sounds like this:

- Even though I had always attended church and tried to be a good person, there came a point in my life when I had to admit that something was missing. *I had no peace in my life. I felt totally disconnected from God-like my prayers weren't getting any higher than my head.* I felt guilty all the time and began wondering what would happen to me if I died that way.

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2. How I Met Christ

- One day I discovered that:
 1. My problem was that I am a sinner – in fact everybody is (Rom. 3:23)
 2. Sin separates us from God now – and forever (Isa. 59:2, Rom.6:23a)
 3. We can't fix the sin problem by trying to be good (Isa. 64:6, Titus 3:5, Eph. 2:8-9)

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2. How I Met Christ

4. Jesus died & arose to solve our sin problem (Rom. 5:6-8, Col. 2:14)
5. God wants us to **TURN** from our sin [repent] (Acts 2:38, 2 Cor. 7:10)
6. And **TRUST** Christ alone to forgive and save us from our sins forever (John 3:16, Rom. 10:9-11)

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**For whoever calls on the name of the
LORD shall be saved - Rom. 10:13**



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...SO I PRAYED SOMETHING LIKE THIS

- Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and I am sorry for that. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sin and then arose. Please forgive me for all of my sins and help me turn from them. I now confess you as my Lord and Savior and trust you alone for my salvation. Thank you for the free gift of eternal life. Amen

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3. My Life Now:

- I am NOT perfect, but I have Peace,....
- ...because I am Forgiven.
- My life has Purpose and Meaning.
- I'm part of God's forever-Family.
- I can pray to God & He Hears me!
- I Live my life "On Mission."
- *Close with an illustration of God's Grace*

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- Since that day, my life has not been perfect. I have failed God many times. But I know that I am God's child and that he put me here for a reason. I now go to church to worship and to fellowship and to grow in my relationship with Christ. I no longer go to try to "score points" with God or just to appease my conscience.
- During the greatest trial of my life, Christ was with me and gave me peace. One afternoon my father's Harley was struck head-on by a passing car almost right in front of my house. Even though he was killed instantly, I had a peace that passes all understanding. Because both he and I have trusted Christ to forgive and save us, I knew we would be together again someday.

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The Final Step

- Give them an opportunity to respond. Repeat the “sinner’s prayer” to them and ask:
- *“Is that what you’d like to say to God? Would you like to call upon God right now and receive His forgiveness and His gift of eternal life?”*

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Some final thoughts...

1. Protect the integrity of the Gospel. Guard against “easy believe-ism”. Make sure the person you are sharing with has a basic understanding of repentance and faith – and that their decision to follow Christ will fundamentally change their lives.

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