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PREPARING YOUR TESTIMONY

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." – 1 Peter 3:15

WHAT IS A TESTIMONY?

One of the special blessings that Grace Covenant Church includes in their baptism services is asking each of those being baptized to share their personal testimony of spiritual conversion and walk with Jesus Christ. Not only does sharing your testimony provide others with an insight into the saving grace of Christ in your life, but it also becomes a solid, powerful tool that you as a Christian will use for the rest of your life to impact people for the Lord.

We understand that sharing your testimony may be somewhat intimidating so we would like to offer a few helpful tips to assist you in your preparation.

HOW DO I PREPARE TO SHARE MY TESTIMONY?

1) Write it out and keep it simple. We are asking you to prepare a **5-7 minute** testimony.

2) Mention the following 3 areas of your life:

- What was your life like before you began to follow Christ? Describe it in briefly. When you weren't following Him, what did your life look like? What were you being tempted with or challenged by? What were some of the emotions you experienced?)
- How did the Gospel change your life? What event, conversation, or realization took place that changed you from who you were? How did you come to salvation?
- What is life like now that you are following Jesus? Describe it in detail. What does your life look like when you're walking with Him?

3) Your testimony is simply the life-changing experience you have had with Jesus. Remember, your story be a blessing to those listening!

- Practice your testimony several times.
- Share it with friends/family.
- Speak in a conversational tone.



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TESTIMONY PREPARATION OUTLINE

Use the following outline to make notes and write your testimony.

1) My Life Before Following Jesus:

2) How I Realized My Need for Jesus:

***How I Came To Put My Faith In Jesus As My Savior:**

3) How My Life Has Changed Since I Put My Faith In Christ: