THE CHURCH OF Eleven22

TESTIMONY WRITING TOOL

Practice sharing your story in three to four minutes. This helps to prevent you from getting off track or taking up most of the time talking about yourself.

1. **Think about your life before Christ** - "Before I surrendered my life to Christ I..."
   - What were your attitudes, beliefs, values, feelings and actions?
   - Who/what did you worship? What defined life for you?
   - Be honest, but don't glorify your past/sin. Aim to keep your testimony focused on God who gets the glory for the transformation He's done in you.

2. **Describe the circumstances surrounding your surrender** - "Then I surrendered my life to Christ..."
   - Consider how you became aware of your need for Christ.
   - Who was involved in showing you your need?
   - Describe how you received the gospel. What steps did you take to receive Him into your life; to go from knowing about Him to knowing Him personally?

3. **Describe how your life is different since your surrender** - "Now that I have a relationship with Jesus..."

- Explain what a personal relationship with Him means to you now.
- Compare your attitudes, emotions, thoughts and actions now to life before Christ.
- Describe any impact on your relationships (marriage, kids, friendships, etc.), your work, your identity, your values, etc.
- Be honest and enthusiastic.
- Paint a true picture of your life; share your victories but let them know you are not perfect.
- Don't feel like it's necessary to exaggerate for effect; your authentic transformation in Christ is effective enough!
- Don't imply Christ removes all problems; rather, regardless of circumstances He is good, faithful and better than life.

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