

"This Is My Story"

1 Peter 3:15-16 & Acts 26:9-22a

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1 Peter 3:15-16 "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

So what does this passage have to do with my story?

EVERYTHING! It helps DEFINE where we need to be and who we need to be in order to have a story WORTH telling.

1. Christ MUST be the LORD of your LIFE!
2. Be PREPARED to SHARE Christ!
3. Be GENTLE with other's HEARTS and DEMONSTRATE respect!
4. Keep a CLEAR CONSCIENCE!

Ok, so now we understand the WHY, how does one DEVELOP his or her story? I'm glad you asked! Let's take a look at Paul and how he shared his story. (Acts 26:9-22a)

1. What was Paul's life like BEFORE Christ? (Acts 26:9-11)
2. HOW did Paul come to a relationship with Christ? (Acts 26:12-15)
3. What was Paul's life like AFTER accepting Jesus as Lord & Savior? (Acts 26:16-22a)

Using Paul's testimony before King Agrippa as a template, here is how I can develop my story...

MY 5 MINUTE TESTIMONY

What was my life like before Christ? (1 min.)

How did I come to a relationship with Christ? (1-2 min.)

What has my life been like since accepting Christ as my Lord and Savior? (2-3 min.)

