### LET'S DO THIS!

Part 2

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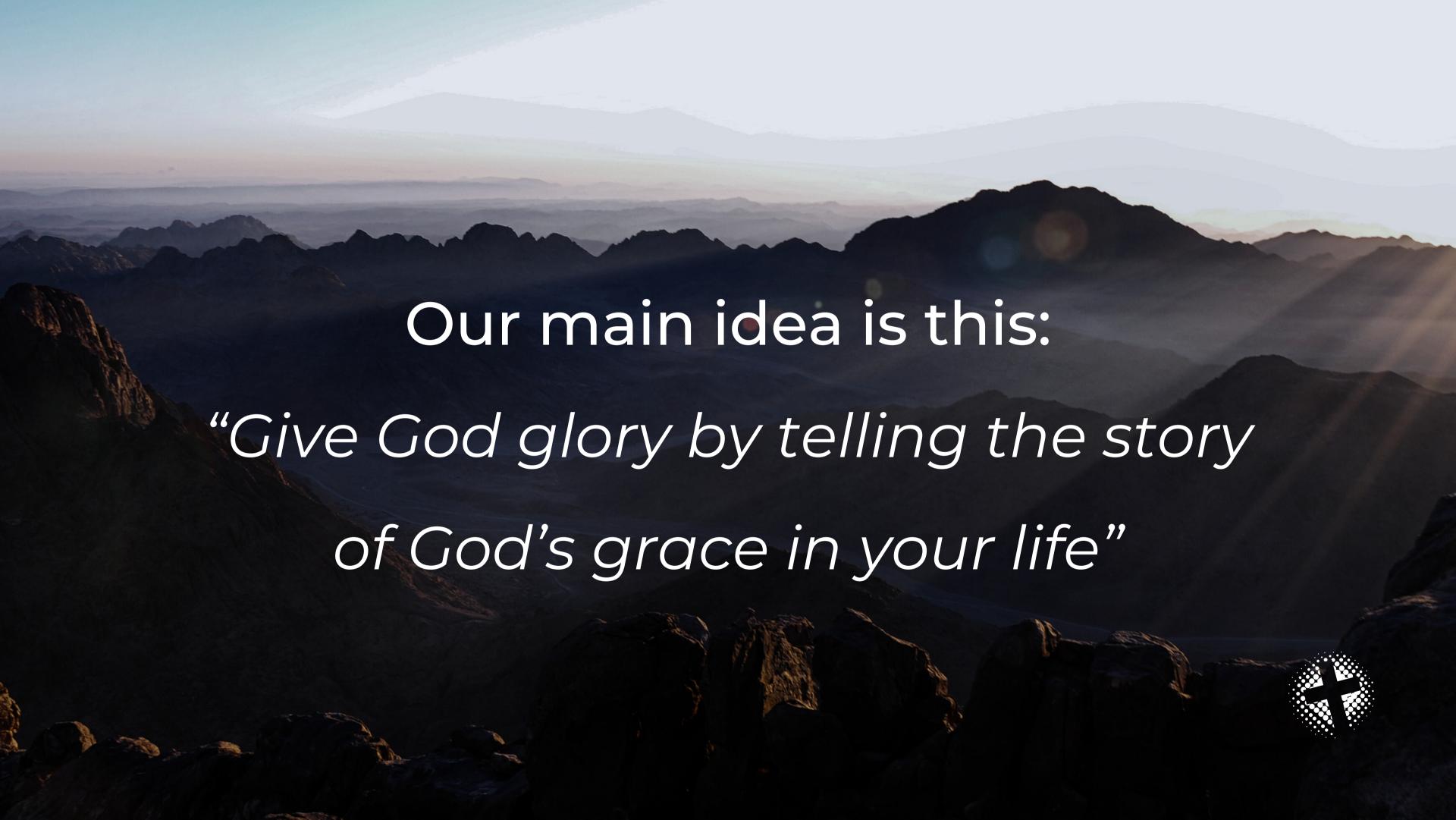
#### Opening Quote:

"The world is never going to be brought to Christ Wholesale, but one by one. Men are not born collectively. They do not die Collectively. They do not accept Christ Collectively. The Harvest must be Hand Picked"

[Charles Trumbull]









## THERE ARE AT LEAST 3 BENEFITS OF A PERSONAL TESTIMONY.



#1] Exaltation of God#2] Encouragement for others.#3] Evangelization of Unbelievers.[Those folks not yet connected]





#### There are 3 main parts to an effective testimony

- 1. Before share what your life was like before you became a follower of Christ.
- 2. How talk about how Christ saved you.
- 3. After speak about what changes Christ has made in your life.





#### 1. Before

The best way to begin your testimony is talk about what your life was like before Christ saved you.





Here are some questions to think through when preparing the before part of your testimony.

- 1. What were you searching for before coming to Christ?
- 2. What was your view of God at the time?



- 3. What was the chief issue, attitude, or problem you were struggling with?
- 4. How did you try to satisfy your inner needs through ungodly solutions?
- 5. Give God glory by telling the story of God's grace in your life.





2. How.

Here are some questions to help think through the "How" part of your testimony:

- 1. Where were you when the gospel first made sense?
- 2. What circumstances or events led to your conversion/change?

- 3. What attribute or characteristic of God did you begin to grasp?
- 4. How did God convict you of sin and show you your need for the Savior?
- 5. How did you come to salvation?



- 6. In what specific ways were you led to surrender to the Lord?
- 7. Give God glory by telling the story of God's grace in your life.





#### 3. After.

After sharing what he was like before meeting Christ and explaining how he met Christ,





### Questions To help you think through what to include in the "After" part of your testimony:

- In what specific ways has God changed you?
- How is Christ meeting your needs right now?



- What does your relationship with Christ mean to you?
- How has His forgiveness impacted you?
- How does knowing Christ give you purpose in life?
- Give God glory by telling the story of God's grace in your life.



# IN CLOSING ~ HERE ARE 11 GUIDELINES TO KEEP IN MIND IN PREPARING YOUR TESTIMONY:



1] Pray for wisdom and insight, asking God to give you the right words.
2] Tailor your testimony to the person you are speaking with,



Modeling Paul's approach in 1 Corinthians 9:22-23: "To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings."



3] Be positive and smile.

4] Don't become preachy. [Simply tell your story. Say, "I" and "me," not "you."]

5] Give just enough details to arouse interest.

6] Reduce clutter where you can. [Avoid

"churchy" words and religious jargon.]



- 7] Be careful about criticizing churches or denominations.
- 8] Type out your testimony.
- 9] Practice giving your testimony in three minutes.



10] Consider ending with something like, "The greatest benefit is I know for certain I have eternal life" or "Now I know all my sins are forgiven."



When you're finished, bring the conversation back to your listener by asking, "Has anything like this ever happened to you?"

If they say no, you could ask, "Would you like it to?"

