

Sharing My Story

Today I pray this simple prayer, "Here I am, send me." Today I am choosing to be led by the Spirit of God and this makes all the difference in sharing my story. I am open and available to do what He would have me do; as He impresses and compels me, I will share my story without delay. I am listening to His voice as His follower.

Today I pray this simple prayer "Here I am, send me." I will be sensitive to everyone who crosses my path and to their unique spiritual journey. This is always my starting point. I will ask God to help me understand what burdens them and trust Him to prepare their hearts for His love. As I listen to them, I will always respond with care.

God is looking at my availability to share His love with others. Through this simple prayer, "Here I am, send me," I am making myself available to His Spirit. God is looking for someone who is willing to allow His power and strength to work through them; "Here I am, send me." I am choosing to allow His power and strength to work in and through me.

Today I am focusing all of my heart on Jesus. As I do, He replaces all fear in my life with faith, and as a result I live in His rest. There is no room in my heart for fear, only faith that comes from Him. He is in control of all of the events of my day; He is the reigning king of the universe, and all powers and authorities ultimately answer to Him.

Choosing Jesus to be the Lord of my heart gives me access to the power of His courage when sharing my story. My faith in Him is active and I am prepared to explain the reason for my hope. The enemy wants to make me feel inadequate and unqualified to share my story, but it is a lie. Through Jesus, God has met my spiritual needs and I am the only one qualified to share my story of transformation. I am not concerned about answering every question others may have about God; I am simply sharing what God has done and is doing in my life, my story.

I am honored to share with others my story of how God's powerful plan to rescue me changed my life and how He desires each of us to trust in Him. Today I pray this simple prayer, "Here I am, send me."

Study: Sharing My Story

Day 1: My Story - *John 9:1, 6-7, 13-15, 25* (Page 818)

Day 2: Follow God's Lead - *Acts 1:8* (Page 830)

Day 3: Don't Overcomplicate the Gospel - *1 Corinthians 1:2-3* (Page 870);
1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (Page 870); *1 Corinthians 15:1-4* (Page 879)

Day 4: Let the Holy Spirit Lead - *Romans 8:9-14* (Page 862); *Matthew 10:18-20*
(Page 741)

Day 5: Be Ready no Matter What - *1 Peter 3:13-17* (Page 936) (pay close attention to verse 15) Begin writing your story. Answer this question: "What was my life like before I became a follower of Jesus?"

Day 6: Don't Worry About it - *Luke 21:14-15* (Page 804); *Acts 4:8-12* (Page 833);
Acts 5:29-31 (Page 834) Continue writing your story by answering the question "How did I make the decision to follow Jesus?"

Day 7: Just do it - *Acts 21:39-40* (Page 850); *Colossians 4:5-6* (Page 904); *2 Timothy 2:25*
(Page 915). Read the *Daily Reading* once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions below for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse. Finish writing your story. Answer this question to help: "What has changed in my life since I became a follower of Jesus?" Look back over your answers to the three questions above; using all three, combine and shorten so you can share your story with the group.

Memory verse: Mark 16:15 "And then he told them, 'Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.'" Mark 16:15

Life Transformation Questions:

1. As you read the *Daily Reading*, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?