

DAILY READING: 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. This becomes my story. I am open and available to do what He would have me do. When I am impressed by the Spirit to share my story, I will do so without delay. I am listening to His voice as His follower.

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 they face and trust Him to prepare their hearts for His love. As I listen to them, I will respond with care.

Through this simple prayer, "Here I am send me," I am making myself available to His Spirit. I am focusing my heart, my mind and emotions on someone higher than myself: God. He will replace fear in my life with faith. I am choosing to allow His power and strength to work in and through me.

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."

MEMORY VERSE:

Mark 16:15
 "And then he told them,
 'Go into all the world
 and preach the Good
 News to everyone.'"
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DAILY 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 871); 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.

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?