

## Guidelines for Preparing to Give Your Testimony

*"It is a proof of your faith. Many people will praise God because you obey the Good News of Christ – the gospel you say you believe – and because you freely share with them and with all others." 2 Cor. 9:13 (NCV)*

1. Before you start writing, pray and ask God for help and the words to share.
2. Write out your testimony as you plan to say it, word for word. A 10-minute testimony would work out to 4 pages, typed, double-spaced.

**PART I: WHO ARE YOU?** (¼ page max)

If appropriate, include family history and/or church background. Avoid naming religious denominations since this may alienate some listeners.

**PART II: THE PROBLEM** (1- 1 ½ pages max)

Describe your attitudes and actions before the problem/crisis occurred. Give an explanation of your trial and/or crisis, with an emphasis on how you felt.

**PART III: THE SOLUTION** (2 pages max)

What did your journey look like? (i.e., your healing, actions you took, help from a support group or friend, impact of scripture, etc.) Describe changes in your attitudes and actions since placing this situation in God's hands.

**PART IV: THE OUTCOME** (½ page max)

Give a snapshot of your ministry and life today, including your future plans.

3. Give us your testimony on a disk, or email it to Dustin by the Friday before you are scheduled to speak.
4. The pastor will review your testimony and work with you to make sure it fits with the message.
5. Practice reading your testimony to the point that you can look up occasionally and get eye contact with the congregation.
6. Please be at the church ½ hour prior to each service. Wear appropriate, modest clothing.
7. Bathe your testimony in prayer, and continue to pray even after you are finished. Often Satan attacks directly after a spiritual victory.
8. Read your testimony from your typewritten sheets. Have a spare copy of your testimony at hand in case your original gets lost during the morning.