

The Difference Maker Study

LESSON 2: YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL

(CHAPTERS 2, 3, 4)

OBJECTIVE:

For you to construct and develop your story, to tell in everyday situations, without hesitancy and or fear regardless of situations.

INTRODUCTION:

- The Apostle Paul Always Told His Story
- Scripture Reference: Acts 22: 1-16

Your Story is Your Testimony

Answer the following questions of your story:

- (1) What did your life look when you didn't know Jesus?
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- (2) There was a series of events that led you to the place where you willing to turn your life to Christ. What were they?
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- (3) How did the conversion take place in your life?
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THINK ABOUT IT: God wants to use your story for His glory.

No better way to connect with people and to make a difference in their lives than to share heartfelt truths about your own journey.

Three Essential Elements of Storytelling

1. Do you have a story
2. Write out your story
3. Remind yourself of the key moments in your story

First, Confirm Your Story:

(4) When did you believe in Jesus Christ for the first time?

(5) What was going on in your life?

(6) Was it an intellectual decision or more emotional?

(7) How has Christ impacted your life?

Second, Complete Your Story:

Your Life Before Christ:

(8) Where were you spiritually before receiving Jesus?

(9) How did that affect your feelings, attitudes, actions, and relationships?

(10) What caused you to think about accepting Jesus Christ as your savior?

How you Came to Christ:

(11) What realization did you come to that finally motivated you to ask Jesus to come into your life? Specifically, how did you receive Christ?

Your Life since becoming a Christian:

(12) How as your life changed since you became a Christian

(13) What benefits have you experienced because of entering into a relationship with Jesus

Fourth, Commit Your Story to God

Read p.43 “He has given you your story. Now give it.....”

Read p. 43 My Story

Chapter 3: Your Story Can Change the World

p. 47 “ A story that never gets told can’t serve the purpose it was meant for.”

1. Use simple words
2. Be concise
3. Avoid religious cliches and God talk
4. Keep your story to about three minutes
5. Be direct and to the point

Scripture Example: John 9:1-25 – Blind man was eager to tell his story

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1. Your story is inarguable (John 9:25)

(14) What was unquestionable in the blind man’s story:

(15) What is unquestionable in your story?

Key Point: p. 53 If you are asked a difficult theological question, a simple response:

“I don’t know about that but let me tell you what Jesus has done for me.”

2. Your story is interesting

(16) What is the one fact that makes your story interesting?

3. Your story is an investment in God’s kingdom

Scripture Reference: I Timothy 1:16

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Write Out Your Story

Chapter 4: The Power of Everyday Moments

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Most times in our everyday life certain scenarios present themselves, but what happens If you aren’t prepared?

Consider the scenarios on p. 60

The Key to being a Difference Maker is (p. 61) “Being Prepared for everyday moments of opportunity God brings your way.”

- First way, is to invite a person to church with you
- Share your personal God story

Preparing to Make a Difference

1. **Physical Readiness** – Be where God wants you to be

Scripture Reference: I Corinthians 9:7

Scripture Reference: Proverbs 21:31

What do these verses say about physical readiness

p. 63 “Be where you should be.....”

2. **Spiritual Readiness** – Be aware of who God wants you to invest in

Scripture Reference: I Peter 5:8

Scripture Reference: I Peter 3:15

CONSIDER: Preparing to give an answer to someone requires spending time in study, prayer, and reflection. The more you study and live out your faith, the more natural it will be for you to share your hope with others

p. 63-64 - You will cross paths with two types of unbelievers:

1. Those who are skeptical of Christianity and closed to the idea of God
2. Those who are not yet followers of Jesus but who are more open

QUESTION: Do people ask you questions about God? P. 64

Be mindful that there are times in people’s lives they maybe more receptive to the gospel:

1. When they are under tension
2. Undergoing transition
3. When they are in trouble

3. **Intellectual Readiness** – Be prepared to share your faith

Scripture Reference: 2 Timothy 2:15

NOTE: When confronted you have to do a quick mental evaluation of the scenario.(p.65-66)

Conclusion: Read p. 68-69 – Everyday Preparation