

Bring Someone With You! Part VI, March 28, 2010

And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. – 1Peter 3:15-16 (NLT)

“The SECOND Great Story Ever Told!”

Why is it so important to tell our story?

Telling our story makes Christians seem more _____

Telling our story makes God seem more _____

Telling our story gives people _____

Some Tips On Telling Our Story Effectively:

We need to spend some time identifying our personal _____

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. **Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.** – Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

When grace becomes specific our story becomes spectacular!

Don't be afraid to be open about the _____ of our failure or pain.

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all. **But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners.** Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life. – 1Timothy 1:15-16 (NLT)

We hold up our past, not as a monument to sin,
but as a trophy of God's grace!

Think _____, not a _____!

Edward Everett was the main speaker on the day of the Gettysburg Address. His speech was 13,607 words and lasted two hours. Most today don't even know that he spoke.

Abraham Lincoln's speech was 115 words and lasted 2-3 minutes. It is regarded as the most memorable speech in American history!

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus. – 1Timothy 1:12-14 (NLT)

Our story of what God has done in US
lets others know what God can do in THEM!