

How to prepare & share your God story



(in 6 blocks)

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“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” II Cor 1: 3

Instructions to *prepare*

*Suggested times are listed if you are doing this in a group setting. Otherwise, take as long as you need! *Envision God sitting right alongside you as you prepare. He is near. . .*

- **[30 seconds]** On a sheet of paper, draw one line horizontally and 2 lines vertically making six boxes or use the one provided below. Rid yourself of all possible distractions during this time. Turn off cell phones.
- **[1 minute]** Take a deep breath, then invite God to bring to your memory your experiences from childhood, teen years, early adulthood, mid life, etc.
- **[10 or so minutes]** Chronologically write or draw 6 *defining* moments and experiences that have shaped who are you today. Add a “+ or a -” in the corner of each box depending on if it were a positive or challenging experience. *God often allows the challenging and painful experiences to shape who we are. Most saints have them!* Be sure to begin with childhood, then move through teenage and young adult years and so on. At what point did Jesus become the Lord of your life? How did that change you and give you direction and purpose?

***For how to transpose the 6 blocks into a *word for word* story/testimony, email Megan at megan.hutchinson@baysideonline.com

Instructions to *share*

- Pick a person to keep a **timer**. Set it for 4 minutes, sounding when 1-minute remains
- **[3-5 minutes]** The pre-selected person will share their story without interruption using the 6 boxes as a guide.
- **As the listener**, give the gift of your undivided attention. Eye contact is crucial!
- **[1 minute]** Once completed, those listening affirm them! For example, in a sentence you can say to them, “*I was touched when you shared_____ or I was inspired when you said_____*”
- Ask one person to **pray a blessing for them**, trusting God will use their story!

