

## Sharing Your Testimony

Your testimony is a great way to share about God's specific work in your life, and is a great entry point to sharing the message of the gospel - the good news that Jesus Christ died and rose again to save any sinner who trusts in Him.

### Text: Acts 26

Here we see three parts of Paul's conversion: #1: Before Paul became a Christian, #2: Paul's Conversion, and #3 After becoming a Christian

Write out your story with the help of the 3-part template

Some tips to help you share your testimony (from Evangelism Explosion)

- Be real and be yourself.
- Be specific and as concrete as you can.
- Steer away from Christian jargon that non-believers have difficulty understanding.
- Share your story in an interesting and relevant way.
- Tell your story, don't give a theology lesson.

Part 1: Before I became a Christian:

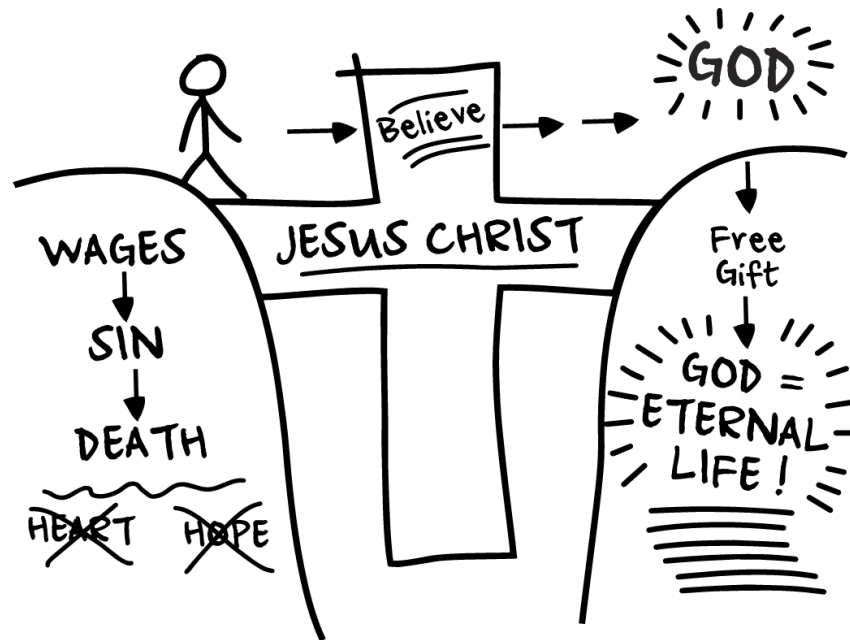
Part 2: My conversion:

Part 3: Now that I am a Christian:

Every believer has a story to share of how God saved you. Take some time to write out your testimony, then share it!

## The Bridge Diagram

The Bridge Diagram is a simple way to share the gospel using the image of a gap between man and God. The bridge, which brings sinful man to a holy God, is the cross of Jesus Christ.



Here are a few links to demonstrate/explain this method of sharing the gospel:

<https://www.navigators.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/navtool-bridge.pdf>

<https://www.navigators.org/resource/the-bridge-to-life>

<https://campusministry.org/docs/tools/OneVerseBridgeDiagram.pdf>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gr0xXfR3L8>

## CONTINUING WITNESS TRAINING (CWT) MODEL PRESENTATION OUTLINE

The strength of the CWT Model is that it is conversational. This method draws out responses through asking good questions and responding in a way that brings the conversation to the gospel.

### **I. Introduction**

A. **Family** Transition: Do you have any special hobbies?

B. **Interests** Transition: When you attend church, where do you attend?

C. **Religious Background** Transition: Let me ask you a question.

D. **Exploratory Questions**

1. Have you come to a place in your life that you know for certain that you have eternal life and that you will go to heaven when you die? Transition: 1 John 5:13

2. Suppose you were standing before God right now and He asked you, "Why should I let you into my heaven?" What do you think you would say?

Transition: God loves us and has a purpose for our lives (John 3:16).

### **II. Gospel**

A. **God's Purpose**

1. We receive eternal life as a free gift (Romans 6:23).

2. We can have a full and meaningful life right now (John 10:10).

3. We will spend eternity with Jesus in heaven (John 14:3).

Transition: As I searched for real meaning in life, I discovered that my sinful nature kept me from fulfilling God's purpose for my life.

B. **Our Need**

1. We are sinners by nature and by choice (Romans 3:23).

2. We cannot save ourselves (Ephesians 2:9).

3. We deserve death and hell (Romans 6:23).

Transition: God is holy and just and must punish sin, yet He loves us and has provided forgiveness for our sin. "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man comes to the Father but by me." (John 14:6)

C. **God's Provision**

1. Jesus is God and became man (John 1:1,14). 2. Jesus died for us on the cross (1 Peter 3:18).

“Book of sin illustration” (Isaiah 53:6)

3. Jesus was resurrected from the dead (Romans 4:25).

Transition: The only way Jesus can affect our lives is for us to receive him. “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name”(John 1:12)

#### D. Our Response

1. We must repent of our sin (Acts 3:19).

a. Repentance is not just feeling sorry for our sin (Acts 26:20).

b. Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to God through Jesus.

“Military Command” “U-turn” illustrations 2. We must place our faith in Jesus (Ephesians 2:8).

a. Faith is not just believing facts about Jesus (James 2:19).

b. Faith is trusting in Jesus. “Airplane” “Chair” illustrations 3. We must surrender to Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10).

a. Surrendering to Jesus as Lord is not just saying we give our lives to Jesus (Matthew 7:21).

b. Surrendering to Jesus as Lord is giving Jesus control of our lives. “Driving the car” Transition: As evidence of giving Jesus control we will want to identify with him. The New Testament way is to confess Jesus publicly and follow him in baptism and church membership.

### III. Leading to a Commitment

#### A. Commitment Questions

1. Does what we have been discussing make sense to you?

2. Is there any reason why you would not be willing to receive God’s gift of eternal life? 3. Are you willing to turn from your sin and place your faith in Jesus right now?

B. Clarification. To receive Jesus you must:

1. Repent of your sin.

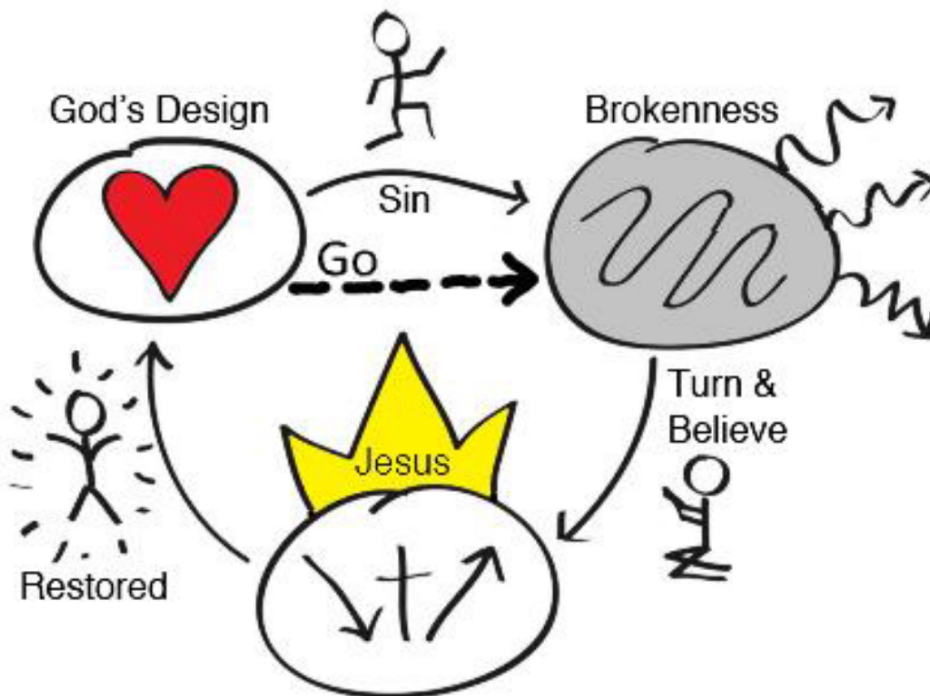
2. Place your faith in Jesus.

3. Surrender to Jesus as Lord.

C. Prayer : 1. Prayer for Understanding, 2. Prayer of Commitment, 3. Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Three Circles

Three Circles is a great tool for sharing the gospel using the starting point of **brokenness**. One common ground that we share with everyone is brokenness. As this comes up in conversation, you can use the three circles tool to explain where brokenness comes from and how God calls us out of brokenness and restores us through faith in Jesus Christ.



Here are some links that help explain how to share the gospel using the Three Circles Method:

- <http://www.hillsbiblechurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Lesson-8-3-Circles-Evangelism-Guide.pdf>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V7mURm-8cOI>