The Balanced Testimony

In different situations, your total speaking time will vary. Properly balancing our testimony includes the following key elements:

Think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. — Romans 12:3

Catch Their Attention 3 Minutes

- · Create a dynamic beginning.
- Introduce a theme.
- Weave the theme throughout your story.

Reveal Your Need 6 Minutes Give two or three life events that caused you to discover you needed God, and/or that you were separated from God due to sin.

Identify Your Encounter 5 Minutes

- Balanced testimonies assign proportionate weight to the need, encounter, and evidence of change.
- Clearly and simply share the gospel message. Tell how you came to know Jesus is the only answer.

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Demonstrate the Evidence 6 Minutes

- Share changes that took place in your attitude and actions.
- Explain why they should not wait and what might have happened if you had not prayed that prayer.

Invite a Clear Decision 5 Minutes

- Offer a prayer of invitation. Clearly state what the person must do to receive Christ.
- Assure them if they prayed, Christ has come into their life and they are part of the family of God.

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Name three situations when you recognized you needed help beyond yourself.

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Give three illustrations that show the difference Christ has made in your life.

Identify the significant event that caused you to turn to Christ.

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My Spiritual Timeline: Life Issues A Attitudes and Emotions

In the three situations you listed, with what Life Issues did you struggle?	Addictions Codependence Financial Problems Mental/Emotional Disorders Alcohol Death Gambling Miscarriage Drugs/Prescriptions Depression Health/Medical Issues Parenting Issues Food Disability In-law Trouble Relationship Issues Pornography/Sex Divorce/Separation Infertility Relationship Issues Caregiver Stress Domestic Violence Job Loss Suicide Childhood Issues Eating Disorders Marital Problems Trust Issues	
In the three situation	Abortion Abuse Physical Emotional Sexual Verbal	Other

	Righteous	Lighthearted	Peaceful	Forgiven	Forgiving	Trusting	Relaxed	Valuable	
How has Christ changed your attitudes and emotions?	Humble/Gentle	Purposeful	Respectful	Accepted	Caring	Joyful	Selfless	God-Dependent	
	Loving	Hopeful	Unashamed	Acknowledged	Secure	Giving	Connected	Complete	
	Restored	Content	Satisfied	Accepting	Filled	Unwavering Faith	Confident	Blameless	
How has Christ	Adopted	Calm	Defended	Merciful	Submissive	Victorious	Pure	Optimistic	Other

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Check Your Readiness

- Did I pray for God's help in telling my story?
- Have I chosen specific scriptures to communicate truth?

Get Started Spiritually

Examine My Motive

- Is my desire to glorify God or promote myself?
- Is my purpose to see others come closer to Christ?
- Does my opening capture the individual?
- Do I have a theme that connects the individual to my story?

Catch Their Attention

- Am I authentic and transparent about sharing my need?
- Have I connected to the individual with my true feelings in the story?

Reveal the Need

Identify Your Encounte

- Did I present the gospel clearly so anyone can understand?
- Have I shown God's love or been too preachy?
- Have I of evidence of how Christ changed my life?
- Am I realistic that my life is not problem-free?

Demonstrate the Evidence

- Did I give an opportunity to receive Christ?
- Did I include all elements of the gospel in the prayer?

Invite a Clear Decision

Review My Content

- Have I tied my story together with a theme?
- Have I related to the lost and encouraged believers?
- Have I offended anyone by naming a person, group, or denomination?
- Have I used religious words that might not be understood?

Communicate Effectively