

## Testimony Tips

*This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is found in his Son* **1 John 5:11**

*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,* **1 Peter 3:15 b**

**Q.** Why share a story (testimony) about what God has done in your life?

**A.** It grows our faith; it encourages others; it gives glory to God and declares that Jesus is Lord over all.

### **8 things to remember when sharing a testimony:**

1. Keep it simple, truthful, accurate and short ( **3-5 minutes**)
2. Have a **beginning** (before the problem - be careful not to focus too much on this), **middle** (what God did/said) and **end** (the result)
3. Maximum 2– 3 sentences for each section. Use 1 clear sentence to conclude.
4. Avoid *selfie* testimonies....focus on God and what he has done. *It is not about you!*
5. Avoid religious jargon, make it easy to listen to. Be relevant, do not exaggerate the good or the bad and remember it will be translated into other languages.
6. Be prepared: pray beforehand, write out what you want to say, speak it out and practice beforehand.
7. Trust the Holy Spirit will do the rest.
8. Try not mentioning other people by name, if you do, make sure you have their permission.

A Christian testimony is 1 John 5:11 in practice. It is about your life, which is different because God, in His love has given you a new life through Jesus.

**Keep the focus on Him**