

The Discipleship Journey

**Using your own spiritual journey to
introduce Christ to others**

Sunday Feb 18th



Discovering my Life
Mission

Focus on **Sharing**

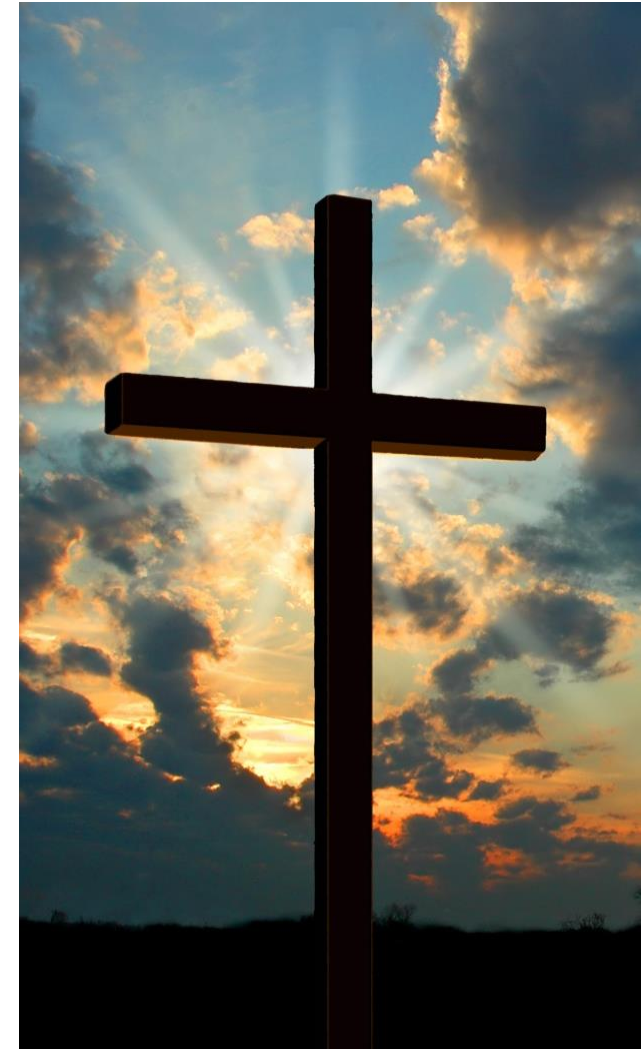
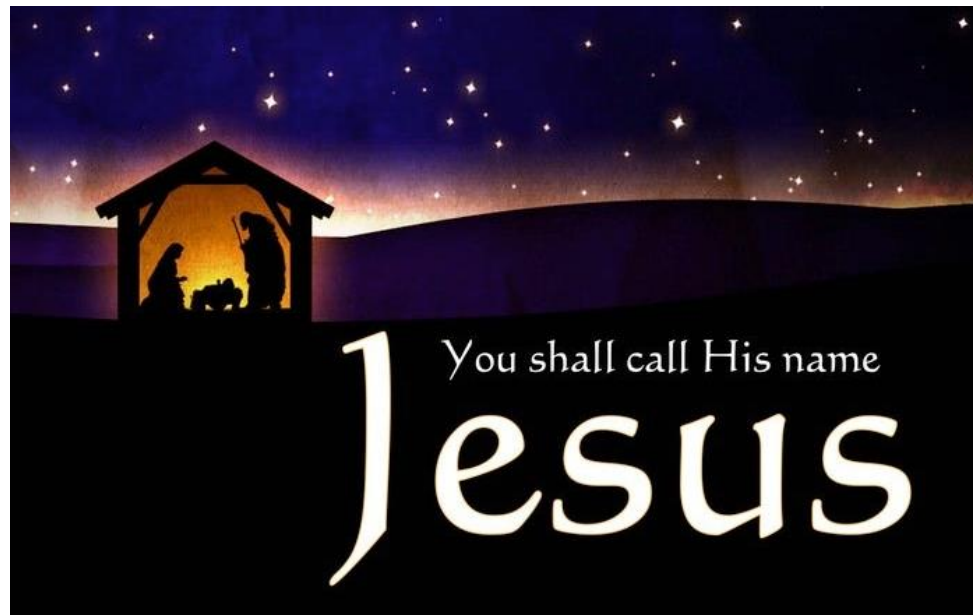
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WHAT WAS THE MISSION OF JESUS?

The Five-Fold Mission of the life of Jesus

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LUKE 19:10 (NIV)



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This is why I was born and came into the world: **to testify to the truth.**

JOHN 18:37 (NIV)



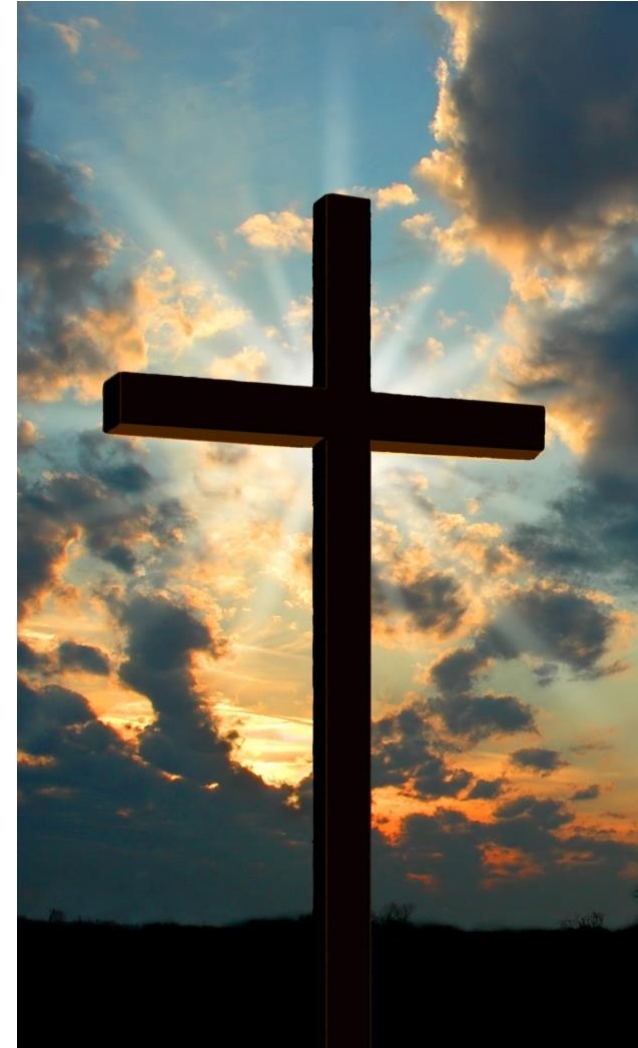
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I came to give life—life in all its fullness.

JOHN 10:10 (NIV)

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

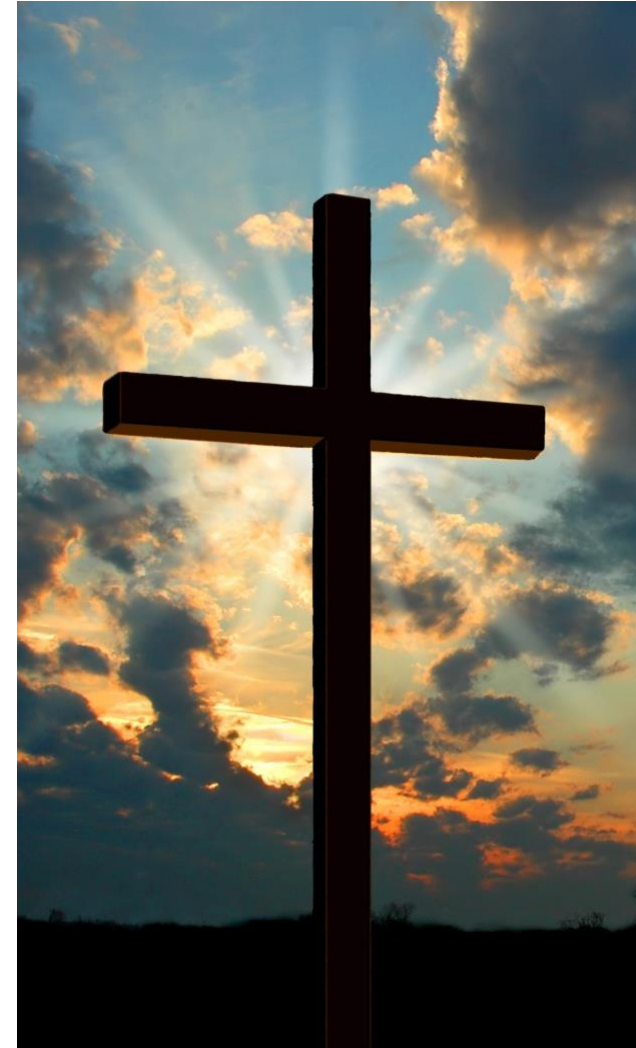
JOHN 12:46 (NIV)



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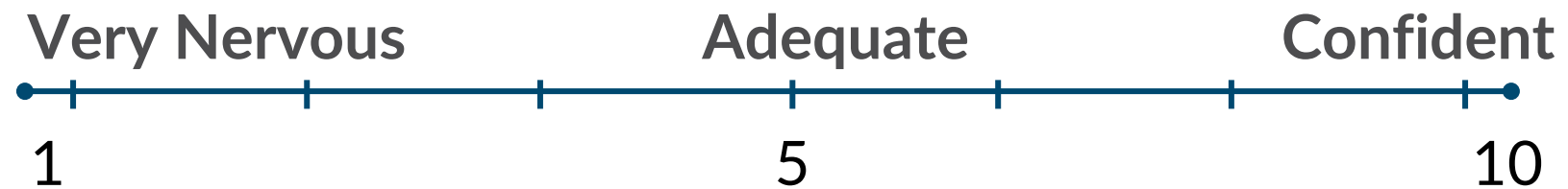
*I must **preach the Good News** of the kingdom of God... because that is why I was sent.*

LUKE 4:43 (NIV)



The Message of the Good News

How confident are you in communicating the gospel?



**95% of Christians do not
share their faith!**

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How to Effectively Communicate the Gospel



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Thesis:

**Sharing one's spiritual
journey**

- Bible examples
- The value of personal sharing
- The four parts of our story
- Writing your own story

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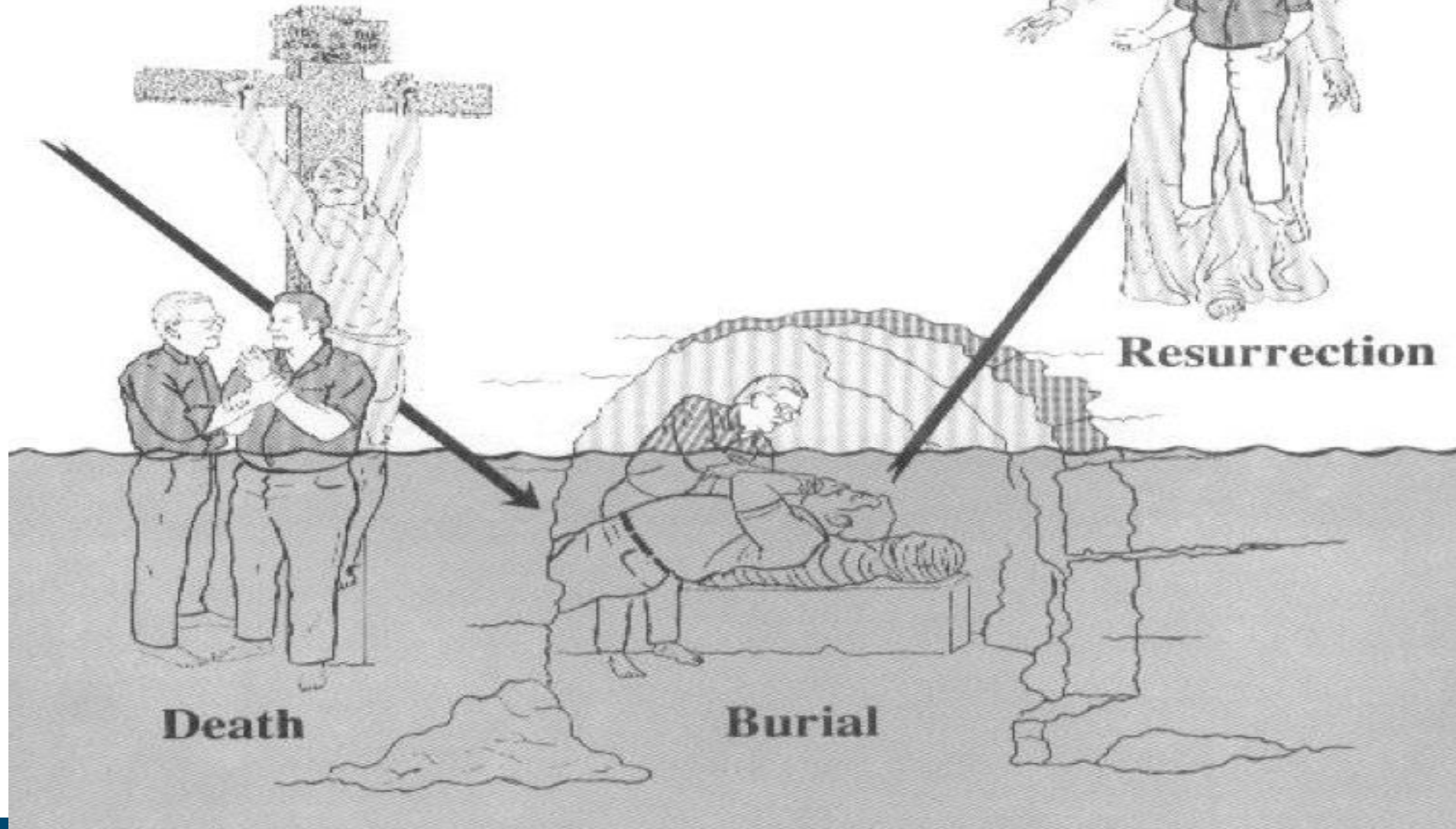
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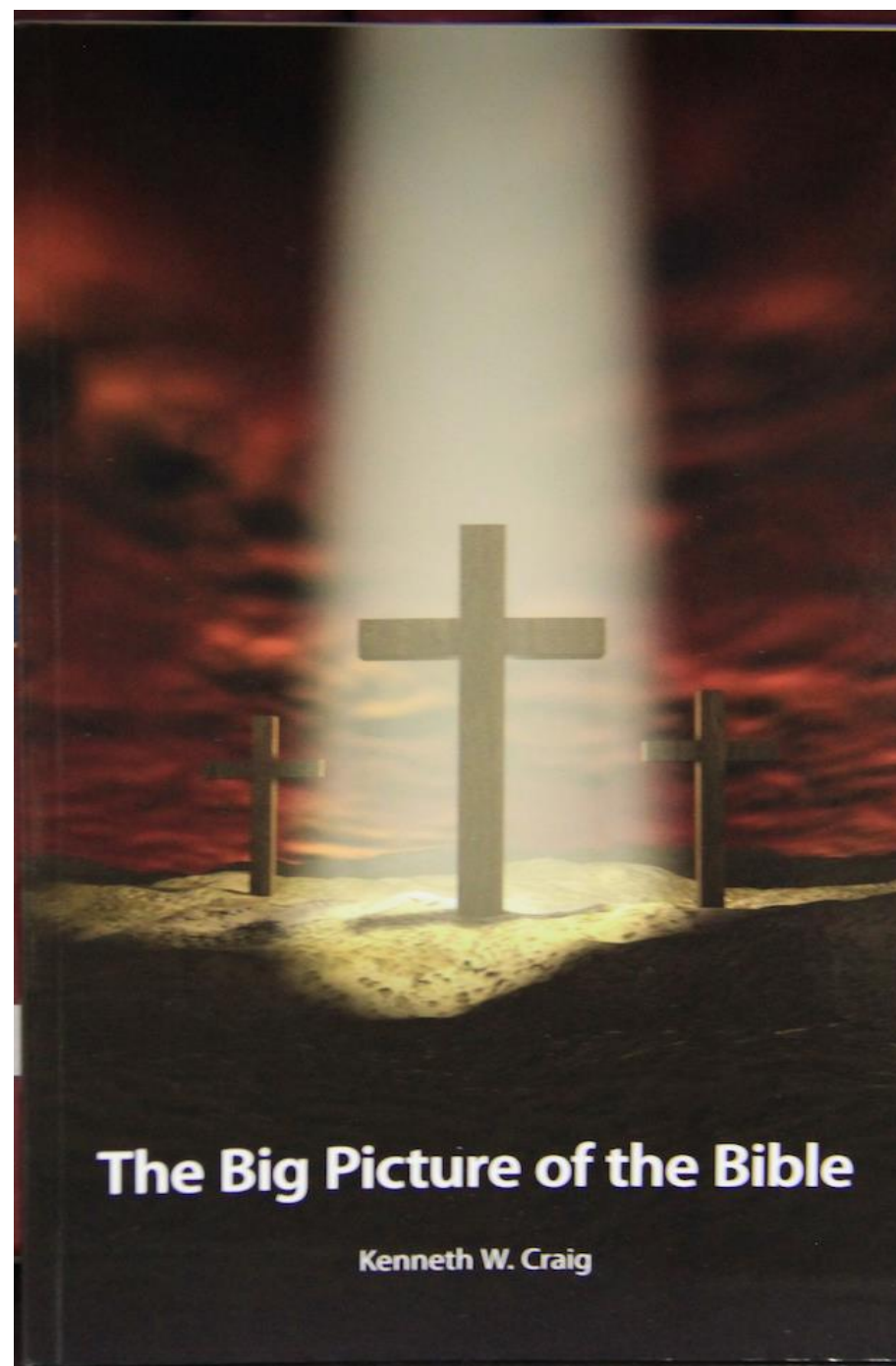
THE GOSPEL RE-ENACTED IN BAPTISM

(Obeying the Gospel)

Romans 6:3-5

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The Big Picture of the Bible

Kenneth W. Craig

SHARING YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

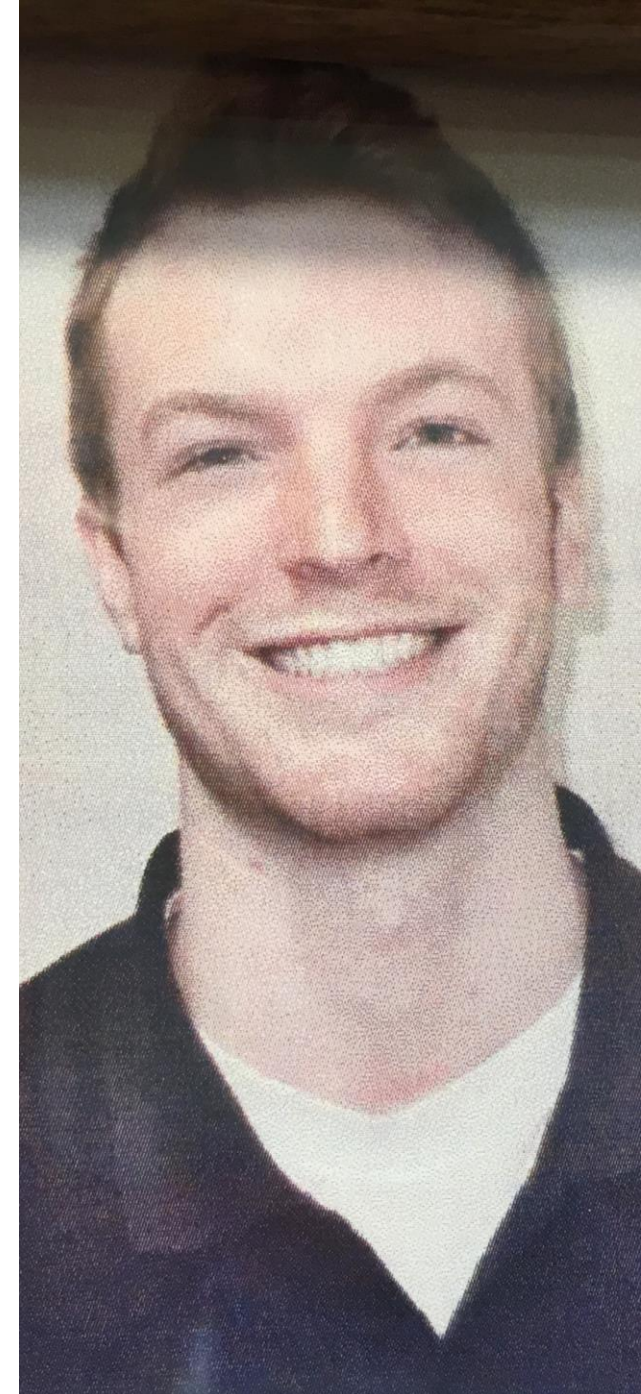
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SHARING YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

9 But you are a people belonging to God, (*His instruments*) that you may *declare the praises of Him* who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

I Peter 2:9 NIV



SHARING YOUR PERSONAL JOURNEY

God was *reconciling* the world to himself in Christ, *not counting men's sins against them*. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19-20 (NIV)



SHARING MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

“ A PERSONAL STORY
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COMMUNICATION! ”



*The Bible is Full of Personal Salvation
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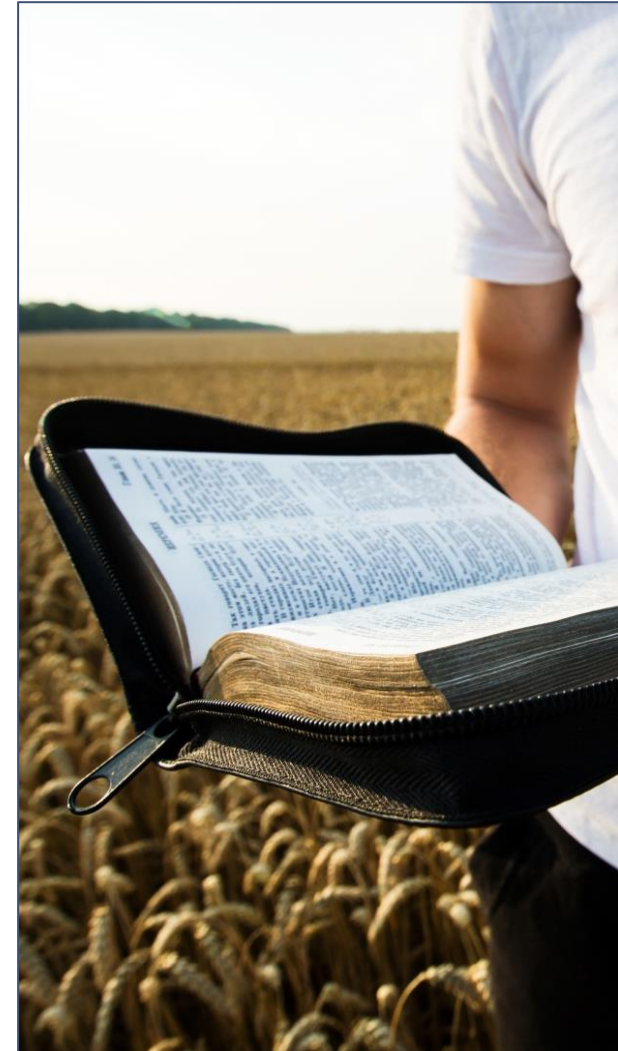
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DAVID

*Come and hear, all who fear God, and
I will tell you all of what He has done for
my soul!*

PSALM 66:16 (NASU)



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THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

*Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the **woman's testimony.***

JOHN 4:39 (NIV)



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THE MAN BORN BLIND

*He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. **I was blind and now I see!**"*

JOHN 9:25 (NIV)



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PETER AND JOHN

*20 For we cannot help speaking about
what we have seen and heard.*

ACTS 4:20 (NIV)



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PAUL

On **six different occasions** (Acts 22-26) Paul used his *personal testimony* to share the Good News with pagan kings & Jewish unbelievers.



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JESUS

I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony.

JOHN 3:10-11 (NIV)



We Are Commanded to Share Our Personal Spiritual Journeys!

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*Make known among the nations
what He has done!*

Let the whole world know!
PSALM 105:1 (NIV)



We Are Commanded to Share Our Testimonies

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Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples!

PSALM 96:2-3 (NIV)



What is the Value of Your Personal Spiritual Journey?

You are not a “paid professional.”

You are a “satisfied customer!”

Who has more credibility?



The Value of Your Personal Spiritual Journey

1. _____: There's no other in the world just like it.
2. _____: You can share from your heart.
3. _____: You are the greatest authority on it!



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The Value of Your Personal Spiritual Journey

1. **UNIQUE**: There's no other in the world just like it.
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3. **100% YOURS**: You are the greatest authority on it!



The Value of Your Personal Spiritual Journey

4. _____: People love to hear personal stories and they remember them.
5. _____: People connect with experiences.
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The Value of Your Personal Spiritual Journey

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

1 PETER 3:15 (NIV)



Make sure you **show them from the scriptures** why you know you are saved!

The **Spirit Himself** testifies with **our spirit** that we are children of God.

Rom 8:16 NASU



THE FOUR PARTS OF YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY.

THE FOUR PARTS OF MY STORY

IF YOU BECAME A CHRISTIAN AS AN ADULT:

1. What my life was like _____ I met Christ.
2. How I _____ I needed Christ.
3. How I _____ my life to Christ.
4. The _____ it has made in my life.

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THE FOUR PARTS OF MY STORY

**IF YOU BECAME A CHRISTIAN
AS A CHILD, BUT WALKED
AWAY OR NEVER GREW
UNTIL A DEEPER
RECOMMITMENT AS AN
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**IF YOU BECAME A
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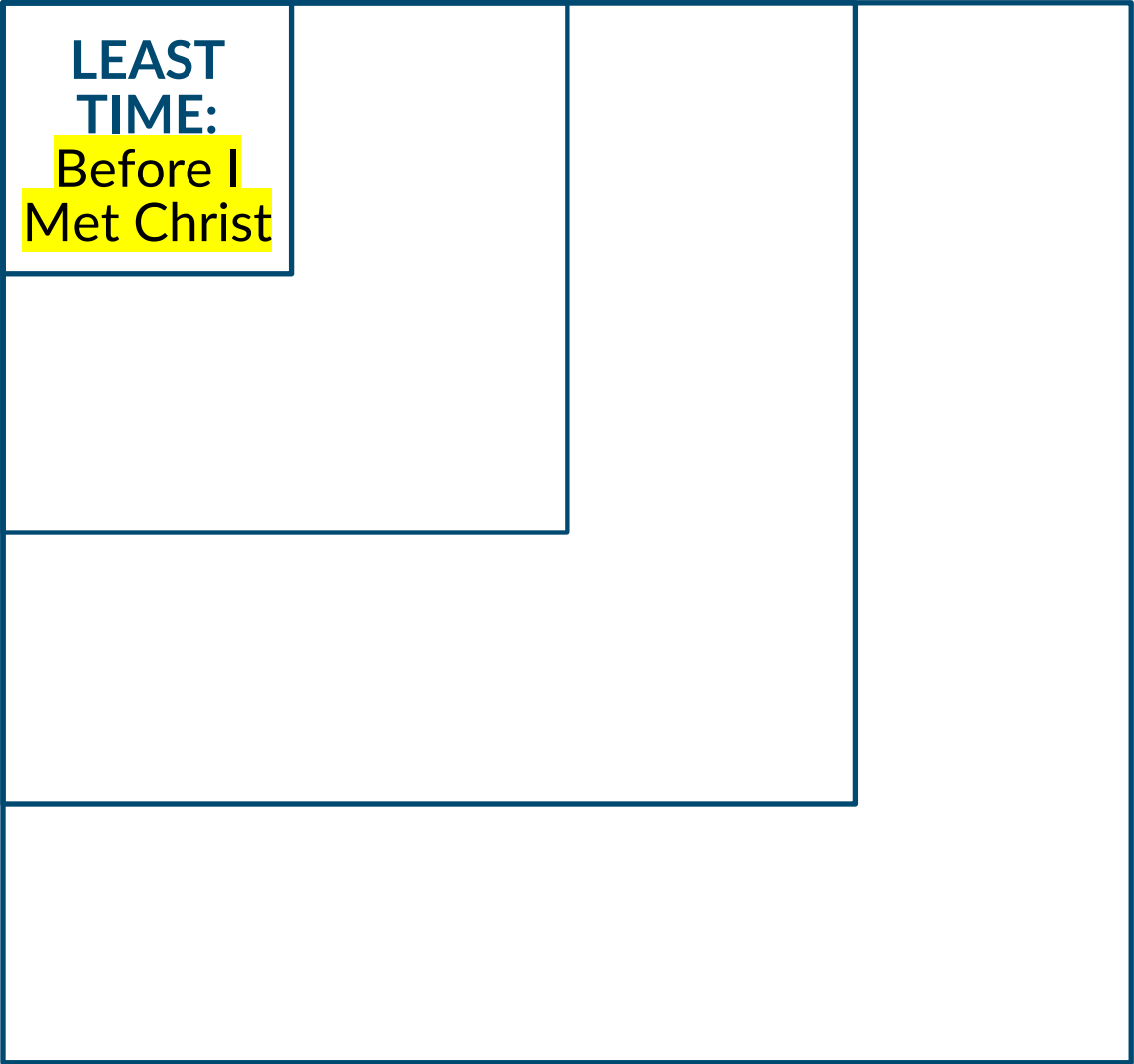
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How Long?
How should I spend my time?

THE FOUR PARTS OF YOUR STORY

Amount of Time

The Four Parts of Your Story



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LEAST TIME: Before I Met Christ			
MORE TIME: How I Realized My Need for Christ			

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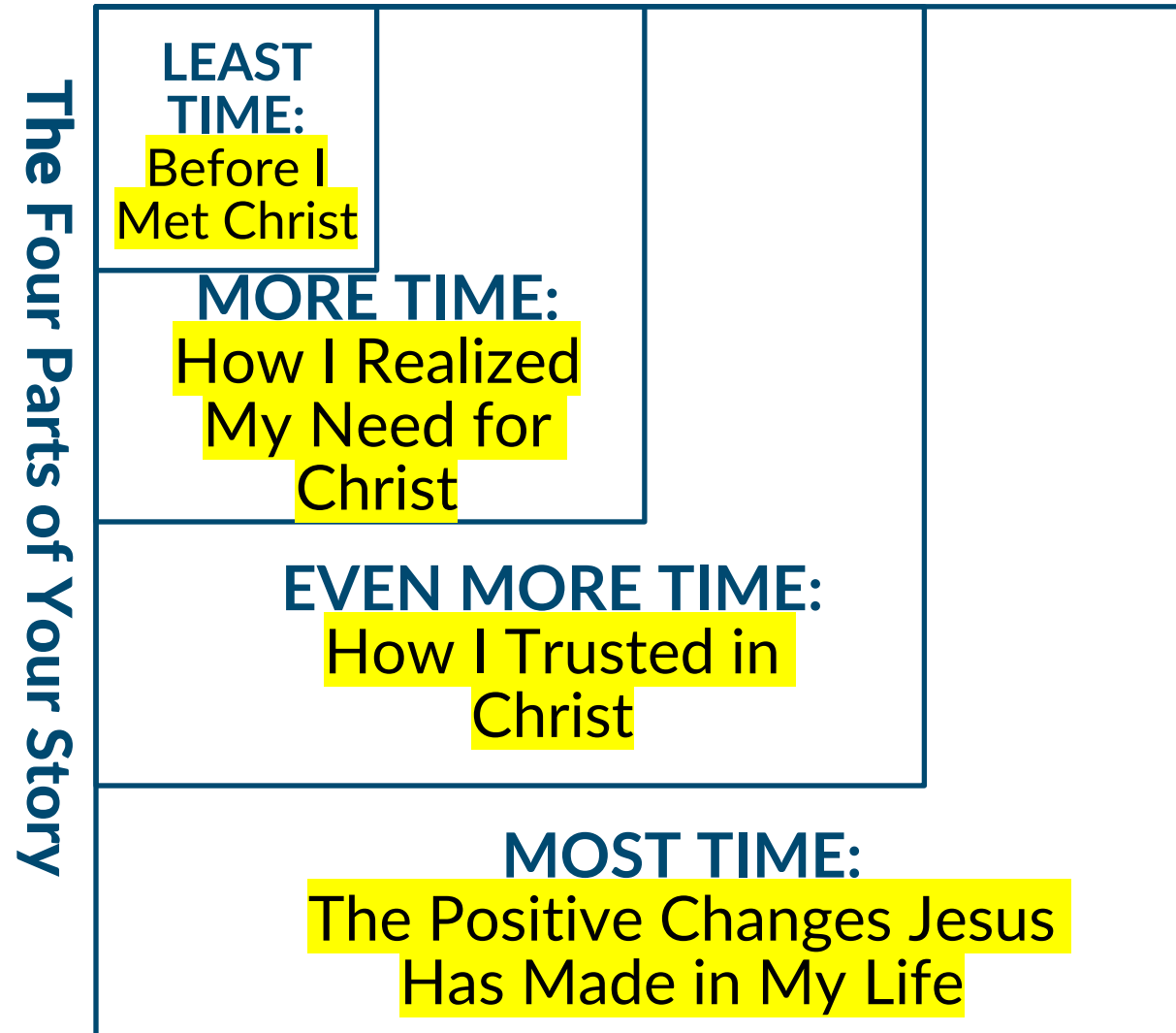
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Writing My Story:

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HARVEST

LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20

IS PLENTEOUS
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