

## My Redemption Story Worksheet

Describe your experience conforming your story to the pattern seen in the Apostle Paul. Be concise, and thoughtful. Try to keep it in the space provided. The purpose of this is not to be exhaustive, but to assemble a concise and thorough testimony that can be shared in five minutes.

Outline Phase	Description	Paul's Experience in Acts 26	Examples Elsewhere
<b>The Before</b>	<b>Upbringing and Heritage</b>	Acts 26:4-5 - Paul talks about his life from the beginning among his own people and in Jerusalem.	Philippians 3:5-6 - Paul references his background.
	<i>Ex. "I grew up bitter and broken. Parents divorced when I was young, we moved every year or so..."</i>		
	<b>Religious Background</b>	Acts 26:5 - He states that he lived as a Pharisee.	Galatians 1:14 - Paul discusses his zeal for the traditions of his fathers.
	<i>Ex. We went to church off and on, sometimes a bus would pick us kids up and we would go to VBS.</i>		
	<b>Past Erroneous View of God</b>	Acts 26:9 - Paul admits his opposition to Jesus.	1 Timothy 1:13 - Paul acknowledges he acted in unbelief.
	<i>Ex. I believed in God, and heard about Christ all along the way, but I just didn't see it as a priority, and didn't take it seriously. I thought it was good, but I was all about me.</i>		
	<b>Recognition of Sinful Condition</b>	Acts 26:11 - He describes his persecution of followers of Jesus.	Romans 7:24 - Paul expresses his wretched state and need for deliverance from sin.
	<i>Ex. I went from good to not so good. My life was one of recklessness, drinking and partying until I dropped out of high school in 10th grade. I joined the Army hoping they would fix me, but realized that was not the answer for my life.</i>		
<b>The How</b>	<b>Moment of Revelation</b>	Acts 26:13-15 - Paul recounts his encounter with Jesus.	1 Corinthians 9:1 - Paul asserts he has seen Jesus and is an apostle.
	<i>Ex. "Christ was preached. I was so drawn to know Him and understand. I went home and decided I was going to really clean up my act... But I realized quickly I couldn't"</i>		

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	<b>Moment of Repentance</b>	Acts 26:19 - Paul's obedience implies repentance.	2 Corinthians 7:9-10 - Paul rejoices because the Corinthians grief led to repentance.
	<i>Ex. "I stood in the church service knowing my sinfulness... I knew now that I couldn't clean my life up and come to God. I had to surrender my life to God and and He would clean me up. I confessed my sinfulness to God and asked forgiveness.</i>		
	<b>Moment of Responding in Faith</b>	Acts 26:16-18 - Paul accepts his mission from Christ.	Ephesians 3:7-8 - Paul speaks of becoming a servant of the gospel.
	<i>Ex. "I believed Christ was my only hope, I believed His death on the cross was for me and my sin and I put my faith in Him that night. I was changed forever."</i>		
<b>The Now</b>	<b>Transformation of Purpose</b>	Acts 26:16-18, 22-23 - Paul discusses his new purpose.	Colossians 1:28-29 - Paul talks about presenting everyone mature in Christ.
	<i>Ex. "I went from broken to healed... Now, I can face the troubles in my life with strength I did not have before."</i>		
	<b>Empowerment to Overcome</b>	Acts 26:22 - Paul testifies to God's help.	2 Timothy 4:17 - Paul speaks of the Lord giving him strength.
<i>Ex. "I can say I am by no means perfect, but now, I can face my troubles with strength I didn't have before. I'm not all I hope to be but I thank God—I am not what I used to be."</i>			

Now assemble what you have into three paragraphs, and you have a concise evangelistic testimony that can become a springboard into the Gospel, or a structure to use as you proclaim it.