

## “Primetime (5): Turning Your Story into His-story”

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### ❖ The Conversion

- Acts 7:57-8:1; 9:1-22
- *Acts of the Apostles*: “After the death of Stephen, Saul was elected a member of the Sanhedrin council in consideration of the part he had acted on that occasion. For a time he was a mighty instrument in the hands of Satan to carry out his rebellion against the Son of God. But soon this relentless persecutor was to be employed in building up the church that he was now tearing down. A Mightier than Satan had chosen Saul to take the place of the martyred Stephen, to preach and suffer for His name, and to spread far and wide the tidings of salvation through His blood.” (102)

### ❖ The Testimony

- My Story #1: Keep it \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 22:1-21)
  - Let your story be a simple timeline that includes “my life \_\_\_\_\_ I met Jesus . . . \_\_\_\_\_ I met Jesus . . . my life \_\_\_\_\_ meeting Jesus.”
- My Story #2: Keep it \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 23:6)
  - In fact some suggest that you can do it in less than \_\_\_\_\_ words.
- My Story #3: Keep it \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 26:4-23)

### ❖ The Point

- Bill Hybels’ four critiques for sharing your story (*Just Walk Across the Room*):
  - Criticism #1—\_\_\_\_\_
  - Our testimony ought to be no longer than \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.
  - Pay attention to the other person’s \_\_\_\_\_ language.
  - Keep your story short enough to allow the other person to ask \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Criticism #2—\_\_\_\_\_
  - “The only thing worse than a long story is a long story that is \_\_\_\_\_.” (120)
  - “Keep your stories simple—containing one clear \_\_\_\_\_ line that appropriately conveys the heartbeat of your faith journey.” (Ibid)
  - Criticism #3—\_\_\_\_\_
  - “It takes a lot of work to expunge insider \_\_\_\_\_ from your story, but it’s worth it.” (121)
  - Criticism #4—\_\_\_\_\_

- “There may be no quicker way to send an unbeliever to the hills than to play the \_\_\_\_\_ card.” (Ibid)
- Because when you share the same “before” and you seek the same “after”—nothing is more persuasive than the testimony, “It \_\_\_\_\_ for me!”
- Bill Hybels: “It’s worth searching your heart and soul to firm up the three-pronged foundation of your story: the key word or concept that describes who you were \_\_\_\_\_ you met Christ; the fact that you then came into a \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ; and the key word or concept that describes who you are \_\_\_\_\_ walking with Christ for a time.” (126, 127)
- The whole point of my story is to tell His-story in the \_\_\_\_\_ of my story.
- (For personalized help in writing your testimony, be sure to enroll in the next “Becoming a Contagious Christian Seminar” or the next new “Contagious Adventist Seminar”—call 269 471 6565)

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you’ve made it invincible.*

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