

## THE POWER OF YOUR STORY

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*“These words I am commanding you today are to be upon your hearts. And you shall teach them diligently to your children and speak of them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up”.*  
**Deuteronomy 6:6-7 ESV**

**Objective:** To encourage believers to share their story of salvation in every area of life, whether at home, on the road, in church settings or in daily routines.

**Introduction:** “You show that you are a letter from Christ, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts”. **(2 Corinthians 3:3 NIV)** Sharing your story of redemption is a powerful way to connect with others in finding hope and truth in difficult times. Do you remember the times when you were seeking God, and someone came alongside you to share their story? These testimonies of hope and salvation are a treasure trove of truths that helped lead you to Jesus. Sharing your story speaks of how the transformative work of Jesus Christ in your life, glorifies God and encourages others in their faith journey. Your story can highlight God's power, faithfulness, and mercy, letting others know they're not alone while shining light into darkness. Be authentic and clear about God's power in your transformation.

**Lesson:** For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? **(Romans 10:13-14 ESV)**

“Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story—those He redeemed from the hand of the foe”. **(Psalm 107:2 ESV)**

Reflect on how your story has the power to impact others and draw them to Jesus. But let's not stop there. We have a mission to fulfill: When we have experienced healing, forgiveness, freedom and release from our sins, you simply cannot keep quiet. **Silence is not an option.** Your story of redemption could be the very thing someone else needs to hear to find hope and healing in Jesus. Don't keep it to yourself – share it boldly and watch how God uses it to amaze you and those around you. **The power of a Christian's story is in the way it carries the light of Christ into another person's life to dispel darkness.**

**Discuss the story of the Woman at the Well and how the power of her story changed lives.**

**The story of the Woman at the Well: The Transformation: From Shame to Testimony – John 4:1-42.** The woman's response is immediate and dramatic. She leaves her water jar - the very thing she came for - and rushes back to town. She hears the words of Jesus and receives it as living water as she returns to share the good news with her community. After her encounter with Jesus, she is recognized by her community but in a new way as she testifies of Him. They respond to her testimony and in turn come to have faith in Jesus. Her shame is replaced with excitement as she becomes the first evangelist in the Gospel of John, telling everyone, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?"

**Each person's salvation story will be as unique as they are. Your story doesn't have to be spectacular to be powerful; it only must be told.** So, as we consider our testimonies, we should ask: “How has God used

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the circumstances of my life to lead me to Him?" This is an important question to explore because it often reveals how God was at work before we were even aware of Him, "For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose". (**Philippians 2:13 NIV**) And it also leads us to another question: "What difference has Jesus made in my life since then?"

If we compare our answers to this question, we'd likely have some things in common. Yet there would also be unique aspects, as well. If you've experienced the healing and freedom that Jesus offers, you have a powerful story to tell. Here are some ways to put this into practice:

- **Reflect on your own "before and after" story.** How has Jesus changed your life.
- **Look for opportunities to share your testimony with others, both believers and non-believers.**
- **Be specific about what God has done for you,** just as Jesus instructed the man in Mark 5:19 who had been demon possessed, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy He has shown you"

**Psalms 107:21-NIV** "Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.<sup>22</sup> Let them sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy."

**The following is an excerpt from "Unlock the Power of Discipleship" by Dr. Leslie Parker Barnes.**

"The transformative power of your personal testimony is more than just a story; It's a tool that God can use to inspire, teach, and comfort others. It's a beacon that can guide lost souls and a balm that can heal wounded spirits. By sharing your journey, you participate in a divine act of storytelling that echoes the most incredible story ever told -the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let your testimony be a declaration of God's goodness and a call to others to experience his transformative power in their lives. As we move forward, let us carry these stories like torches, illuminating the path for those who walk in darkness and guiding them to the hope and truth of Jesus Christ."

### Remember in Prayer:

- Bishop Grannum, Founder; Pastor Bob Oliver & Lady Denise; Pastor Wangui Mwangi; Pastor Omar Barlow & wife Jeneen; Pastor Andrew Grannum & wife Chivas and their families.
- Ministers, Deacons, and Ministry Leaders
- NCC staff and volunteers
- NCC Capital Campaign for renovations of the property
- That our children will grow strong in their personal faith and divine protection
- The needs of the New Covenant family and that we demonstrate love, unity, faithfulness, boldness in sharing the gospel
- The sick and shut-in; those who are grieving the passing of a loved one

Ref. *Unlock the Power of Discipleship*; Rev. Dr. Leslie Parker Barnes; pgs. 126-129.

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