



*Unveiling Eden*

# SHARE YOUR STORY

*“And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.”*  
Revelation 12:11 (NLT)

## Why You Should Share Your Story

God has not shined a light in your life for it to just be hidden. Sometimes it may be hard to share the intimate details of what God has done in your life, but the reward can be dozens, hundreds or thousands of people touched by your story.

Somewhere out there is someone struggling just as you did or in a similar situation. Your message can give them assurance they are not alone and hope for brighter days.

(Note: When you have a powerful story, the enemy will do everything in his power to convince you that your story is not worth sharing or that you are not capable of sharing. Remember, as long as you are a willing vessel, the Holy Spirit will move through you and your story.)

YOUR VOICE  
HAS VALUE

SHARE  
YOUR STORY

YOUR STORY  
MATTERS

## How To Share Your Story

**Before/Past** - Share with your audience about your life before Christ or life before your breakthrough. (i.e., past problems, struggles, behavior..)

**That moment**- Share the moment that you recognized your sin and recognized Christ as your Savior. Share the moment where breakthrough took place in your life because of Christ.

**After/Now**- How is life now? How are you continuing to walk out your salvation? How are you continuing to walk in breakthrough?

## Things To Avoid When Sharing Your Story

1) Do not use Christian jargon when communicating your story. Share your story as if everyone in the audience does not know Christ.

2) Don't assume the audience knows basic truths about God.

3) Make sure not to preach, but share what God has done for you

# Outline Template

Introduction- Introduce yourself and begin with an attention getting sentence.

## Main Point 1-Your Past

1. Your struggles- What were you struggling with?
2. Your behavior- What did your behavior look like at this time?
3. Your beaking point- When was enough enough and you were tired of living life that way?

## Main Point 2- That Moment

1. When did you hear about Christ?
2. When and how did you receive Christ?
3. When and how did God change your situation?

## Main Point 3-After/Now

1. How have you changed?
2. How is everyday life with Christ?

Conclusion- Reiterate your main points and/or close in prayer.

YOUR STORY  
IS HIS GLORY

DO IT  
AFRAID

YOU WERE  
BORN FOR THIS

# Sample Outline

Introduction- I would like to start by introducing myself. I am a wife and mother who lives in Louisiana. Although God has been faithful through many times in my life, He laid on my heart today to share with you my struggle with depression and thoughts of suicide.

## 1) Struggle with Depression (Past)

- A. I first started experiencing signs of depression in 2015.
- B. Eventually, others started to notice it, and it impacted my relationships, my drive and motivation to better myself, etc.
- C. One day, I almost ended my life and then things changed.

## 2) God reached down and changed my trajectory (That Moment)

- A. In 2017, I attended a church event with a friend and the message was for me.
- B. Over the months that followed, God refined me and brought me to a place of healing.
- C. Scripture reading

## 3) The Joy I Feel Now (Now)

- A. Today I am walking in freedom and am able to pursue a life and career that depression kept me from.
- B. Scripture reading

Conclusion - I hope my story has encouraged you, and you are able to find freedom from depression and thoughts of suicide. I am here to tell you that it gets better and there are brighter days ahead. I would like to end with a prayer for those out there who may be in a similar situation.