



your story my story his story

Share my story

**your** story **my** story **his** story



# When you get an open door ...



## Share your story

**John 4:39**

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, ....

# When you get an open door ...



## Share your story

**John 9:25**

.... One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

# When you get an open door ...



## Share your story

**Mark 5:19**

Jesus ... said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

# When you get an open door ...



## Share your story

**Acts 21:40**

Having received the commander's permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned to the crowd.

# When you get an open door ...



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# Why?



**Acts 4:20**

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

# John 9: the blind man



## **John 9:32**

Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind.

# John 9: the blind man



## John 9:24

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.”

# John 9: the blind man



## The power of your story

### John 9:25

He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

# John 9: the blind man



## The power of your story

### John 9:27

He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?"

# John 9: the blind man



## The power of your story

### John 9:30

The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.

# The power of YOUR story



## 1. It can't be argued with

### **John 9:34**

To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

# The power of YOUR story



## 2. It's personal testimony

### **John 9:17**

Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

# The power of YOUR story



## 3. You are the expert

**John 9:10**

How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded.

# The power of YOUR story



## 4. It's real, authentic

### John 9:21

But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself."

# The power of YOUR story



## 5. It answers the question people are asking

**John 9:32**

Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind.

# What is my story?



1000's of stories

**Major on the difference God makes**

**The saint's life rather than the sinner's prayer**

# Stories ...



**How  
trusting  
Jesus has  
helped  
me deal  
with ...**

- Worries/anxieties
- Guilt/shame
- Anger/temper
- Emptiness
- Lack of purpose
- Grief
- Stress
- Low self esteem

# Stories ...



**How  
trusting  
Jesus has  
helped  
me deal  
with ...**

- Poor health
- Disappointment
- Insecurity
- Emptiness
- Regrets
- Fears
- Loneliness
- Lack of emotional support

# Stories ...



**How  
trusting  
Jesus has  
helped  
me deal  
with ...**

- Habits/addictions
- Self centeredness
- Despair
- Depression
- Boredom
- Fear of death
- "Something missing"
- Bitterness

# Stories ...



**How  
trusting  
Jesus has  
helped  
me deal  
with ...**

- Resentment
- Pain of rejection
- Past hurts
- Marriage difficulties
- Financial difficulties
- Work difficulties
- Loss

# Stories ...



**How  
trusting  
Jesus has  
given me  
...**

- Peace
- Forgiveness
- Fresh start
- Patience
- Love
- Purpose
- Comfort & joy



# Stories ...



**How  
trusting  
Jesus has  
given me  
...**

- New energy
- Power
- Significance
- Strength
- Trust
- Confidence
- A second chance
- Assurance



# Stories ...



**How  
trusting  
Jesus has  
given me  
...**

- His presence
- Church family
- Power to change
- Love for others
- Hope
- Adventure
- Fulfilment
- Positive change in the whole of life



# Telling your story



- Keep it ready
- Keep it short & focused
- Keep it connected
- Keep it honest
- Keep it positive
- Keep it clear



And all the people were amazed!

GO...

AND TELL THEM  
HOW MUCH THE LORD  
HAS DONE FOR YOU ...



MARK 5:19

