

GREG'S NOTES

A NEW BEGINNING TEACHING OUTLINES

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THE POWER OF YOUR PERSONAL STORY

John 4

Everyone likes to hear a good story—especially a true story. And when it comes to sharing your faith, one of the most effective tools in your evangelistic toolbox is your personal testimony. Whether it's dramatic or not, each of us has a legitimate story to tell which points to the greatest story ever told: the testimony of Jesus Christ. Keep the following in mind when you share your story.

PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES

1. **Don't glorify or exaggerate your past.** It is important that we see our old life with the proper perspective.
2. **Don't boast about what you gave up for Him.** Boast about what He gave up for you. You gave up nothing to follow Christ, in comparison with His sacrifice for you.
3. **It is not about you.** It is about Him. Your testimony is a bridge to a bigger story—the story of what Jesus has done.

RELEVANT REMINDERS

- Souls are of the greatest value to God, and they should be to us as well.
- Be patient in the work of sharing the gospel. God's word will not return void. You may not see the outcome of sharing the gospel right away, but rest assured that seeds have been planted.

APPLICABLE ACTIONS

Be faithful. Keep sowing those seeds. Keep praying for those that don't know the Lord. Keep looking for ways to build bridges to people who don't know the Lord. Keep sharing your story of what God has done for you. It is never in vain.