

# What about Your Story?

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Message Text: Acts 1, 2 Corinthians 5, Galatians 1

## Introduction:

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## 1. Your Story and Christ's \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 28:19–20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

This is the *central purpose* of our church (\_\_\_\_\_).

### A. You are an \_\_\_\_\_ Witness (Acts 1:8)

*Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*

Definition—Witness: someone who sees an event and reports what happened

Just think if every believer would witness, *tell their story*, the lost souls would be presented with the truth of God and its power to change lives ruined by sin.

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**B. You are an \_\_\_\_\_ Ambassador** (2 Corinthians 5:20)

*2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

Definition—Pray: beseech, seek, *sense: beg*

**WHAT DOES AN ENTHUSIASTIC AMBASSADOR LOOK LIKE?**

*John 4:39–42 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. 40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his own word; 42 And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.*

Definition—Testified: to bear witness; to solemnly assert something, offering firsthand authentication of the fact; often concerning grave or important matters.

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## 2. Your Story and its

\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 5:10-15)

**A. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by the Judgement Day** (5:10-11)

*2 Corinthians 5:10–11 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your*



### *Do You Feel...*

Inadequate?

I DO NOT like the spot light.

I really don't want to talk about me.

I don't like to have people focus on me.

I feel like my story really would not matter.

consciences.

**B. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus' Love (5:14)**

*2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:*

Definition—Constraineth: impel This seized or gripped Paul

*John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*

### 3. Your Story and God's

\_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 1:11-24)

**A. Your Story is not about \_\_\_\_\_ (11-23)**

*Galatians 1:11–23 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: 14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.*

*15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: 17 Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. 19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother. 20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. 21 Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; 22 And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ:*

23 *But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.*

Your *redemptive story* is all about God, because you did nothing to earn it.

*Romans 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*

## B. Your Story is about Making God \_\_\_\_\_ (24)

*Galatians 1:24 And they glorified God in me.*

Definition—Glorified: to glorify v. — to positively acknowledge, recognize, or esteem one’s character, nature, or attributes.

*Luke 5:25–26 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. 26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.*



### *Practical Tip:*

What do I want people to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ about my Savior by telling my story?

## Conclusion

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