



## A BIBLICAL BASIS

Paul's defense before a Roman commander and the Jewish mob in the temple complex is a biblical example of a testimony.

Paul's faith story contained...

- a. What he valued most before he met Jesus. Acts 22: 3-5
- b. How he met Jesus. Acts 22:6-16
- c. What he valued most after he met Jesus. Acts 22:17-21

## TIPS FOR SHARING YOUR FAITH STORY

Here are some benefits to sharing your faith story...

1. It's your story, so there is nothing to memorize or new to learn.
2. You will be able to share this story anytime – over coffee with a friend or even during a round of golf.
3. Everyone likes good stories. Learn to share your faith story well and others will want to hear it.
4. No one can dispute your faith story. It's your life, your experience. Because of the value you now place on His love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, people can see your story in action through your life.
5. Your faith story can be read online at [www.whatvaluemost.com](http://www.whatvaluemost.com), so you can share it anywhere in the world.

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## TWO TYPES OF FAITH STORIES

Let's review the two types of faith stories...

### 1. Bait testimony

A bait testimony is designed so people will want to take another step toward hearing the Gospel. This is the testimony you will use on [www.whativaluemost.com](http://www.whativaluemost.com). Your goal is for people to be hungry for the Gospel presentation *after* reading your story online.

### 2. Standard testimony

A standard testimony explains the Gospel. You tell your story based on what you valued before Jesus, why you surrendered your life to Him and what you value most now. It's the "total package" of salvation in a brief story. You tell it personally to your listener, one on one.

## TIPS FOR WRITING YOUR FAITH STORY

Here are some tips for writing your faith story...

- Start with an attention-getting sentence.
- Keep it brief and conversational, not stiff and formal. Express yourself in short but descriptive sentences, just like you are talking to a friend. (Today you will be writing your bait testimony for [www.whativaluemost.com](http://www.whativaluemost.com) – approximately 250 words for the section "What I Valued Most Before Jesus" and approximately 250 words for "What I Value Most Since I Met Jesus." On another occasion, when you write your standard testimony, you may need more detail so use approximately 750 words.)
- Stay away from "churchy" words. Describe biblical concepts, don't state them. For example, describe "sin" as disobeying God. Describe "salvation" as surrendering your life to follow Jesus and trusting in Him only for eternal life.
- Don't dwell on your past. Simply tell some of the things that you valued most before Jesus. You are not trying to convince people of how lost you were!
- Be specific. Don't use phrases like, "Now my life is great" or "It was the most wonderful experience." Instead, tell specifics of why your life is great since turning it over to Jesus. Explain how trusting Him is a wonderful experience.





