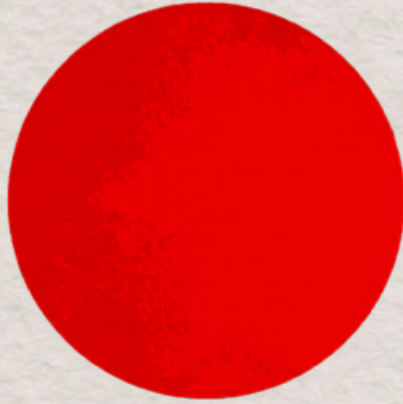


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SHARING THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL  
THROUGH YOUR STORY

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# The Red Pin Project

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## **The Goal**

For these few weeks in May and June of 2026, we endeavor to seek the Lord especially for the purpose of asking Him to reveal to us a specific person with whom we might share our story of coming to know Jesus. We believe that when we share our stories in relationships that God arranges, He moves powerfully.

## **How to Use this Booklet**

This 5-day devotional is designed to equip and empower you to share your story. Through it, we hope to help you:

- Understand your story and how it connects to God's greater story.
- Grow in confidence to share the gospel naturally in everyday life.
- Recognize opportunities the Holy Spirit provides to speak life and truth.

Each section combines Scripture, reflection, and practice, guiding you through five key questions that shape a biblical approach to gospel conversations:

1. What Is My Story?
2. Why Share My Story?
3. How Do I Share My Story?
4. When Should I Share My Story?
5. What Happens When I Share My Story?

By the time you reach the final page, our hope is that you will not only feel more prepared to tell your story, but also more aware of God's presence in every interaction.

If the Lord answers your prayer for one or more people with whom to share your story, help us celebrate by placing a red pin on the map in our lobby where that conversation took place. As a church, we're praying that obedience will multiply one story at a time, one red pin at a time, until the map becomes a living picture of how God is transforming lives through His people.

# 📌 Day 1: What is Your Story?

*“Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that he has redeemed them from the power of the foe...”*

– **Psalm 107:2 (CSB)**

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## **Your Story is Part of God’s Story**

Every follower of Jesus Christ has a story worth telling because their story is living proof that redemption is real and that the gospel still transforms.

From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture reveals a single story: God’s relentless pursuit of His people. The psalmist calls for “the redeemed of the Lord” to proclaim what He has done because our stories serve as echoes of His redemption. When you speak about God’s work in your life, you make His character visible to the world around you.

Your story fits within God’s larger narrative: the grand story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. Recognizing that connection brings humility and courage; humility because your story begins with His love, and courage because you know your life tells the truth about who He is.

## **Why Your Story Matters**

Your personal story carries a kind of authenticity that few other things can. It embodies truth in a relational way. People may debate doctrine, but they’ll listen closely to your experience of God’s transforming grace.

- Your story reveals God’s grace. You become living evidence of the gospel’s power.
- Your story builds connection. Storytelling invites empathy before explanation.
- Your story strengthens faith. You remind yourself of God’s steadfastness every time you share it.
- Your story glorifies Christ. Every testimony redirects attention from self to Savior.

Revelation 12:11 describes victory coming “by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.” Your story isn’t a side note to the gospel—it’s one of the ways the gospel moves into the world. God uses your voice to make His redemption known.

## Mapping Your Story

Take a few moments to outline your story in three parts. Keep Christ at the center and honesty as your guide.

- **Before Christ**

- What was life like before you personally knew Jesus?
- What questions, emptiness, or struggles marked that season?

- **How I Met Christ**

- What helped you see your need for a Savior?
- Who or what did God use to draw you to Himself?

- **After Following Christ**

- How has your life changed since trusting Him?
- Where do you see ongoing evidence of His grace today?

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Take time to write these thoughts down. Don't worry about its length or how long it might take you to say everything you write down. Your effort here will form the heart of your testimony and prepare you for a future Red Pin Moment when God opens a door for conversation.

## 📌 Day 2: Why Share Your Story?

*“How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.”*

**—Romans 10:14–15 (CSB)**

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### **The Biblical Call to Tell Your Story**

The Great Commission in Matthew 28 is both a command and a calling: “Go, therefore, and make disciples.” When Jesus gave that command, He spoke not only to His first disciples but to every believer who would follow in their footsteps. The gospel was never meant to stop with us; it’s meant to flow through us.

Paul reinforces this truth in Romans 10, showing the beautiful chain of God’s mission: someone must go, someone must speak, and someone will believe. Sharing your story is the simplest way to take part in that divine sequence. God allows His people to be the messengers of His mercy. When you speak of Christ’s work in your life, you’re joining a movement that began in the heart of God and continues to the ends of the earth.

### **God’s Heart for the Lost and Our Role in His Mission**

God loves every person you will ever meet. His desire is that “everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). Sharing your story is about reflecting this love and patience of the Father.

God is already at work in the lives of those around you. When you engage them with your story, you are participating in something He started long before you arrived. He gives us the privilege of joining Him in His redemptive mission, one conversation, one relationship at a time. Our role is obedience; the results belong to Him. We plant, we water, but God gives the growth (1 Cor. 3:6). Every story shared becomes another seed of truth in the soil of someone’s heart.

## **Fear, Apathy, and Barriers to Sharing**

Even with strong convictions, we often hesitate to share, and for reasons that make sense.

- Fear of rejection, awkwardness, or not knowing what to say holds us back.
- Apathy dulls our urgency. Life gets busy, and outreach slides down the list.
- Insecurity whispers that our story isn't dramatic enough to matter.

But the truth is that God works through ordinary obedience. Evangelism has never depended on eloquence or expertise. When fear arises, remember that love casts it out (1John4:18). Compassion for others silences our hesitation. The more we love people, the more naturally we'll speak about the hope we've found.

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### **Personal Reflection**

1. When you think about God's command to "go and make disciples," what keeps you from speaking up? What might help you take the next faithful step toward sharing?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Who in your daily life may be waiting for a gospel conversation, and how could love move you past fear or hesitation to begin that dialogue?

# Day 3: How to Share Your Story

*“But in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. Yet do this with gentleness and reverence.”*

— **1Peter 3:15 (CSB)**

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## Sharing Your Story With Purpose and Grace

For many believers, sharing their story feels more intimidating than inspiring. We fear saying too much or too little, that we’ll miss something crucial, or that we won’t have answers when questions arise. Beneath those fears is the quiet assumption that telling our story requires a kind of polish we don’t have.

But Scripture pushes against that idea. Sharing your story is not a performance to perfect but a testimony to tell. Its power lies not in how impressive you sound but in how faithfully you point to what God has done. The gospel is the greatest story in the universe! It’s the story of a holy God rescuing sinners through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son. It is cosmic in scope yet deeply personal. It’s not only something we believe; it’s something that happened to us.

That truth brings relief. We are not responsible for making the gospel effective — only for making it clear. As Paul wrote, “So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth” (1Corinthians 3:7). As you learn how to tell your story, trust that God knows how to use your words. He is already at work in the hearts of those who will hear you. The Spirit does the convincing; we simply tell the truth.

## Preparing Your 3-Minute Story

A great way to be ready for any gospel conversation is to prepare your three-minute story. When you craft your story in this way, it becomes easy to remember and natural to share. It’s often simple, personal, and meaningful when structured around three movements:

1. **Before** — What was your life like before meeting Jesus? Describe what you valued most, what was missing, or what struggles you faced. Keep it honest and relatable.
2. **Meeting** — How did you encounter Christ? Explain what helped you understand your need for Him and the truth of the gospel. Highlight the grace that opened your eyes.
3. **After** — How is your life different now? Share how Christ has changed your attitudes, relationships, or direction. Focus on transformation, not perfection.

## **Tips for Relevance, Clarity, and Compassion**

- Be relatable. Speak like you're talking to a friend, not presenting a script. Use everyday language.
- Be clear. Keep Christ at the center; avoid vague "religious" talk. Explain the gospel as good news for real people.
- Be brief. A good starting point is three minutes or less. Long stories can lose clarity. Save depth for follow-up conversations.
- Be compassionate. Listen well. Remember that empathy opens hearts more than eloquence ever can.
- Be prayerful. Before you share, ask the Holy Spirit to lead your words and prepare the listener's heart.

One of our core values at Beech Haven is that we walk with integrity. Integrity in witness begins with sincerity—allowing your life and your words to match. The more truthful and transparent your story, the more believable the message of grace becomes.

## **Using Your Story Alongside Scripture**

Your personal story is powerful, but Scripture gives it eternal weight. After sharing your experience, consider connecting it to God's Word:

- If you talk about forgiveness, mention 1 John 1:9.
- If you talk about peace, reference Philippians 4:6-7.
- If you talk about purpose, recall Ephesians 2:10.

When you tether your story to Scripture, you help people see that this hope is not only personal but biblical. It shows that the message of the gospel is grounded in God's truth and not just a personal feeling.

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## **Sharing Your Story**

Write your three-minute story below using the Before–Meeting–After structure. Then, pray and ask God for one opportunity this week to share it. When you go to church Sunday, commemorate and celebrate by putting a red pin on the map outside the Worship Center.

## Day 4: When to Share Your Story

*“An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip: ‘Get up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ ... So Philip ran up to [the eunuch], and when he heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, he said, ‘Do you understand what you’re reading?’ ... Then Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning with that Scripture.”*

**—Acts 8:26–40 (CSB)**

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### **Recognizing Spirit-Led Opportunities**

One of the most powerful lessons from Philip’s encounter with the Ethiopian official in Acts 8 is the importance of spiritual responsiveness. Philip didn’t plan that meeting; he was simply ready when the Spirit said, “Get up and go.”

Sharing our story rarely unfolds on our schedules. The Spirit opens doors in unexpected places: on a commute, at a grocery store, between classes, in a waiting room. Learning to listen to His prompting is the key.

God often speaks through subtle impressions. Maybe it’s a thought that won’t leave you, a person who suddenly comes to mind, or a sense that a question deserves a deeper answer. Cultivating that awareness means staying prayerfully alert and flexible. When we are sensitive to the Spirit, the ordinary can become sacred space for conversation.

### **Discerning Timing and Sensitivity in Relationships**

Wisdom and sensitivity are essential when sharing your story. Paul reminds Timothy to “be ready in season and out of season,” (2 Timothy 4:2) meaning always alert to the moment, yet discerning enough to wait when the Spirit says “not yet.”

Good timing often follows good listening. Pay attention to what others are walking through—a hardship, transition, or moment of searching. Ask questions before offering answers. Respect their pace.

Every relationship carries a rhythm of trust; some doors open quickly, while others take months or years. Whether you plant or water, remember that you’re part of something eternal, and that gentleness and patience are as much a witness as your words.

## **Everyday Contexts: Where the Gospel Moves**

God's mission field is everywhere you already are. You don't need a new location to share your gospel story, but you do need an awareness of the opportunities around you.

- At work: Live and speak with integrity. A consistent witness in how you treat others opens hearts to hear the hope within you.
- At school: Be the friend who listens well and encourages courageously.
- In your neighborhood: Take small initiatives — a conversation in the driveway, a shared meal, checking in on someone.
- Online: Use digital spaces to reflect Christ's kindness, not controversy. Hope travels quickly through humble words.

Every space you inhabit is a platform for grace. The question isn't "Where should I share?" but "Where am I already placed to share?"

## **Faithful Presence: Living Intentionally Among People**

Sharing your story starts with how you show up. Practicing faithful presence means living with eyes open, heart engaged, and time available.

Jesus noticed people others overlooked. Philip noticed a searching stranger in a chariot. In the same way, we are called to live intentionally among people, not around them. Gospel conversations grow out of real connection.

So, ask God to make you interruptible. Slow down enough to recognize divine appointments. Your simple availability may become someone else's turning point.

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## **Personal Reflection**

1. How can you become more aware of the Holy Spirit's promptings in your daily routines so you don't miss opportunities for gospel conversations?
2. In what spaces of your life such as work, school, neighborhood, or online might God already be inviting you to slow down, listen, and be intentionally present with others?

## Day 5: After You Share Your Story

*“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God’s co-workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.”*

**— 1Corinthians 3:6–9 (CSB)**

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### **Our Obedience, God’s Results**

The outcome of sharing our gospel story is never in our control. Paul’s words in 1Corinthians remind us that spiritual growth is God’s work. We plant the truth. We water relationships. But only God grants faith.

Sharing the gospel is never about achieving a quota or winning an argument. Our desire to mark gospel conversations with red pins on a map is not about chasing a number to feel good about ourselves, but about celebrating living in obedient partnership with God’s mission. He handles results. Our call is to obey with faithfulness and humility.

Every time you share your gospel story, you do so in faith. When you speak, listen, pray, and care, you’re acknowledging that God alone changes hearts. That truth frees you from pressure and motivates you toward joyful participation in His work.

### **Growth, Transformation, and Joy in Obedience**

When we respond to God’s prompting, growth happens in us as well. Each act of obedience deepens our dependence on the Spirit. Each conversation strengthens courage. Even if a person doesn’t respond immediately, God works through our willingness.

Jesus promised that heaven rejoices over a single sinner who repents (Luke 15:7). Obedience brings joy not only in heaven but right here in the heart of a believer. We experience transformation as our priorities shift from comfort to Kingdom.

## **How One Story Multiplies Influence**

A single story can reach far beyond its moment. One seed becomes a harvest. One conversation can lead to another, then another, forming ripples of gospel influence throughout families, workplaces, and neighborhoods. You may never see how far your story travels, but God does. The person you encourage today might share their faith tomorrow. Even the map in our lobby can be a powerful reminder that every act of obedience connects to a much larger picture. Athens is a field God is cultivating through His people at Beech Haven.

## **Encouragement & Perseverance in Sharing Your Story**

At times you may share and see no visible result. Keep going. Persevere in love and prayer. Remember, Philip only saw one person baptized on the desert road (Acts 8), but that man carried the gospel into a nation.

Faithfulness doesn't depend on visible success; it depends on trust in God's unseen work. Lift your eyes to the long view: souls coming to Christ, heaven rejoicing, and your faith growing stronger with every story told.

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## **Reflection Questions**

1. How does remembering that God alone gives the growth change the way you approach sharing your faith?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Who might experience the ripple effect of your obedience if you chose to share your story this week?

# Who is Your One?

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As you have worked through this devotional, hopefully you have come to understand your story and how it connects to God's greater story. We also hope that you are experiencing growth in confidence to share your gospel story naturally in everyday life, and that you will grow in your ability to recognize opportunities the Holy Spirit provides.

We want to come alongside you in prayer and give glory to God for what He is going to do. Share with us the initials of the person God has put on your heart so that we can be praying with you.

As you pray, consider asking the Lord:

- For boldness to speak when the opportunity comes
- For open doors and natural opportunities for conversation
- For softened hearts that are ready to receive the gospel
- For wisdom to listen well and respond with clarity and compassion
- For a genuine love for that person that reflects the heart of Christ



