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Tell your 100 word faith story to 3 different people and have them grade you on the following criteria:

**Brevity; Clarity; Simplicity; Humility.**

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## ***How can we tell others?***

1 Peter 3 13-16 & John 9:13-34

### **The Great Commission:**

*'Go and make disciples of all people.'* Matthew 28:19a

**1<sup>st</sup>:** **Witnessing involves a co-operation between you and God.** *"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses"* Acts 1:8

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** **Witnessing your faith will come out of your own relationship with God.**

*"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord"* 1 Peter 3:15a

### 3rd: A person's coming to faith is a matter between them and God

*"Pray for us too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ"*

Colossians 4:3

*"No one comes to faith in me unless they are first drawn by the activity of God's Spirit"*

John 6:44.

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'RETHINK' events

### 4<sup>th</sup>: A person's coming to faith is a process

*"A person's coming to Christ is like a chain with many links. There's the 1st link, the middle links and the last link. There are many influences and conversations that proceed a person's decision to come to Christ. I know the joy of being the first link at times. A middle link usually, and occasionally a last link. God has not called me to be only a last link. God has called me to be faithful and to love all people"* Cliff Connetly

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5<sup>th</sup>: **"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds – the way in which we behave, and glorify your Father in heaven."** Matthew. 5:16

*'But do this with gentleness and respect'.* 1 Peter 3:15b  
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### 6. Importance of Listening:

*"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry"* James 1:19b

## SHARING MY FAITH STORY

*"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect"* 1 Peter 3:15a

### Guidelines for writing my story:

Use no more than 100 words.

State as simply as you can what was going on in your life before your faith became important to you and what difference it has made to you.

Your story should contain one clear plot line that conveys the heartbeat of your faith.

Keep it simple and brief, and allow your listener the opportunity to ask follow-up questions.

Use everyday words and avoid 'religionese'.

End with a question that requires a response:

Eg. *Can you relate to any of this?*