

How To Share Your Testimony In The Third World



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Let's prepare to share our faith in the 3rd world. This can prepare you to share it more effectively in the 1st world if you do it well. You may even get a chance to use this format on your trip.

Rules so far:

1. Speak in complete sentences:

Here is your first lesson in talking with a translator. Talk in complete... and single sentences. Don't say, "Hi, My name is... .." "Mike and I am from....." "North Carolina." That line should be said, "Hi, my name is Mike and I am from the United States."

2. Always speak broadly:

Declaring you state (unless from Florida or New York) is like saying an unknown word. Go for the big word (U.S.) rather than your state. 2. Always use the largest identifiable location. You can say "A very small town in the US" or "A big city in the US."

3. Learn to story like PIXAR

Most of you know that I love to teach a story the way PIXAR tells a story. PIXAR has a way of making you cry while watching animated cowboys, spacemen, and rats (Toy Story / Cars / Bugs Life / Ratatouille / Brave / Finding Nemo.) These movies would receive my vote any day! I have actually taught seminars on how to write and tell a story the way PIXAR would tell it.

PIXAR knows how to quantify a story. Look below at the Finding Nemo story presentation. They use it for the preparation of every PIXAR short film, and any full-length movie. Pay close attention to the ease of the story when they follow a standardized outline. Maybe this is why Jesus always spoke in stories?

4. Emphasize the first few words in each sentence

Once upon a time there was a fish named Marlin, a widower who was very protective of his only son, Nemo...

Every Day, Marlin repeatedly warned Nemo about the dangers of the ocean and warned him not to stray far from home...

One day in an act of independence, Nemo ignored those warnings and swam out into the open water and got into a load of trouble...

Because of that, Marlin sets off on a rescue mission, receiving the help of other sea creatures along the way. **Finally**, Marlin and Nemo reunite, celebrate, and reminisce in lessons well learned..

Now you know what happened to Nemo, if you didn't see the story!

Note: You do not have to use the actual words "Once upon a time, or Because of that" these are merely option words for how your story moves along.

Sample #1

Intro: **My Name is** Jack Fineman, and I am from the United States.

Once upon a time I thought I was a real Christian because I was American, went to church, and believed in God.

Every week I went to church, and to church activities, but I was just playing a game.

One day I heard a friend share a testimony about a real relationship with God, and I decided that I was not going to play any games anymore.

Because of that I have come to find a genuine relationship with God through His word, and am growing each day in Him.

And Finally my life is more fulfilled and happier as I follow the plan that the creator of life laid out for me.

Sample #2

Intro: **My Name is** Isaac Eason, and I live in the United States.

Once upon a time I was the youngest of 5 children. I loved my family but my parents divorced when I was very young.

Every day life got harder and I wanted to leave my family and my home. I went to church but I was just going because my mom took me there.

One day I began to question if this religion stuff could be true? I even prayed silently and asked God to make himself real to me.

Because of that God did make himself real to me... God just kept showing himself to me in other people

Because of that a year later I made a public declaration of my faith in God, and promised to follow Him forever.

Until finally, today my life has been totally transformed through the good news of God's love for me.

Sample #3

Intro: **My Name is** Jackson Michaels and I am from the United States.

Once upon a time I thought I was a Christian. I thought that because I went to church, and I believed in God, and because I was an American.

Every week I went to church programs but I knew there was something missing inside my soul. I believed in God, but I had never "REALLY" taken his teachings into my own heart.

One day I found myself ready to kill myself because I thought I had nothing to live for.

Because of that incident a "REAL" Christian helped me understand the plan of God for my life gave me counseling.

Because of that I was given more than just life, I was given a "REAL" purpose in life now and for the rest of my life.

Finally, today I am on a journey with God, helping others find their faith in Him, and helping others find purpose and meaning in following the Master.

NOTE: You do not need to share the "Now bow your head and close your eyes (which we all know are needed for genuine conversion), let the translator do that at the appropriate time. Your job is to testify! So testify!

REVIEW:

- Learn to story like PIXAR does
- Speak slowly
- Speak in complete sentences
- Speak broadly
- Emphasize the first few words in each sentence
- Remember, it doesn't have to be long for God to use it