

How to Give a Living Testimony

God doesn't comfort us to make us *comfortable* –
He comforts us to make us *comforters*

2 Cor. 1:3-4 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

Talk about what Jesus has done in your life within the last six months. Not what He did 30 years ago when he saved you.

Give a 4 – 6 minute testimony about what God has done. Use the following approach, and include the following elements:

1. What ***you were*** – give enough details to catch people's attention. Don't just say, “Things were bad.” Give some descriptions of what it was like – “We were barely talking to each other... we weren't sleeping together, we fought all the time over the littlest things, etc.”
2. What ***you did*** – we humbled ourselves, turned to pastor (or another believer), turned to the Scripture for help, for hope, and for answers to our problems, etc. If you had tried other worldly counseling, then talk about how that had failed and only made things worse.
3. What ***God has done*** – God has changed us dramatically from the inside out. We still have problems, but we've learned to use biblical principles to solve our problems in minutes instead of days. A verse that has changed my life is _____. (Then quote it) Be sure to point people to the cross and to scripture... and to the need for repentance and changed hearts.