Preparing Your Personal Testimony  
Part III

I John 1:1-3 (NIV)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched — this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard,

I. Before I trusted Christ  
II. How I came to know Christ  
III. My Life after following Christ

II. How I Came to Know Christ  

Acts 26:12-19 (NIV)

"On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. About noon, O king, as I was on the road, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, blazing around me and my companions. We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' "Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ the Lord replied. ‘Now get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you. I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.’ "So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.

Questions to Answer:

What brought you to the place of being willing to listen?  
Who influenced you?  
How and when did you decide to follow Jesus?  
How did you feel, what truths did you hear, what did you think about them, how did you feel after you made the decision?  
What were the final struggles that went through my mind just before I trusted Christ?  
Why did I go ahead and become a follower of Christ?
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Before I Trusted Christ

Paint a picture of what your life was like before you came to Christ.

‣ Do not glory in past sin.
‣ Do not be critical of others.

**Answer these questions:**
What was my life like that will relate most to the non-Christian?
What were my attitudes, needs and problems?
What did my life revolve around the most?
What did I get my security or happiness from?
(The non-Christian is relying on something external to give him happiness)
How did those areas begin to let me down?
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How I Came To Know Christ

Give only the details that are important to communicate why and how you became a Christian.

‣ Be clear about the Gospel.

**Answer these questions:**
What brought you to the place of being willing to listen?
Who influenced you?
How and when did you decide to follow Jesus?
How did you feel, what truths did you hear, what did you think about them, how did you feel after you made the decision?
What were the final struggles that went through my mind just before I trusted Christ?
Why did I go ahead and become a follower of Christ?
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My Life After Following Christ

Share some of the changes that Christ has made in your life.
- Emphasize the changes in your character, attitude, and perspective. Be realistic and honest.

**Answer these questions:**
What are some specific changes and illustrations about the changes Christ has made?
Why am I motivated differently?
How am I imperfect, yet growing?