

## “Ephesians” Practice 3

### Writing Your Testimony and Discovering New Purpose

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#### WHY WRITE YOUR TESTIMONY?

In Revelation 12:11 it says, “They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.” Our testimonies tell of the power of Christ in our life, but we also receive victory when we proclaim our story. Often when we write our story it can feel like a one time experience, but the truth is our stories are always evolving. God is refining us in every season in new and powerful ways. Our testimonies are not only acknowledgments of where we’ve been but they’re also acknowledgments of where we are going. Paul knows this and is inviting us in this practice as he walks us through Ephesians 2:1-10.

#### HOW TO WRITE YOUR TESTIMONY:

Writing your testimony is important, but it does not have to be complicated. Before you begin, ask God to show you where He has been and what He has done in your life. Then, just get writing using the following prompts.

#### DESCRIBE WHAT YOUR LIFE WAS LIKE BEFORE YOU TRUSTED JESUS

##### Ephesians 2:1-3

*As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.*

#### DESCRIBE HOW/WHY YOU BEGAN TO TRUST JESUS AND WHAT HAPPENED AFTER

##### Ephesians 2:4-7

*4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.*

#### PROCESS YOUR NEW IDENTITY, CALLING AND ASSIGNMENT

##### Ephesians 2:8-10

*8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

When we receive new life it changes the drive, direction, and destination of the rest of our lives. Use the grid below to define and process what the identity, calling, and assignments God has given you.

IDENTITY	CALLING	ASSIGNMENT
Who you are	What you were designed to do/be	Where you live out your calling
Doesn't Change	Can Change	Changes, probably many times
Drive	Direction	Destination