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# Tell YOUR Story

Realizing I don't need to know all the answers, just my story.

**Mark 5:19-20**

*Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup> So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis<sup>[b]</sup> how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.*

**John 9:24-25**

*<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."*

*(In the context of these two passages, you'll see two men delivered from affliction. One had a legion of demons cast out into a herd of pigs. The other had his sight given to him for the first time in his life.)*

*When it comes to sharing Jesus with other people, there are a lot of reasons that people hesitate. Perhaps the biggest reason is the fear of not knowing what to say if asked the wrong question.*

*What if they ask me about why God allowed their mom to die? What if they ask me if dinosaurs were on the ark? Or, what about God's opinion of COVID -19?*

*These tough questions may be something you're able to answer, but there are so many possible questions that might leave me looking like a fool.*

**#1 - It's ok to say "I don't know"**

**#2 - Just tell the story of what God did for you.**

*If you have experienced salvation, you have THAT story to tell. What were you before Christ? How did it happen that you came to believe in him? What did you do about it? What difference has it made? What experiences have you had now that you are in a relationship with him?*

*If you claim to have received salvation, then you have answers to these personal questions. If you don't have answers to these, then there is business for you to do at the foot of the cross. Repent and believe. Be forgiven of your sins as you confess them and confess that Christ is your Lord.*

*Or maybe you've just been stuck there having received salvation. Now it is your responsibility to walk in that newness of life. As you do, the joy of a relationship with God through Christ will become so undeniably real.*

*Now, for all who know that they have experienced Christ and have heard his call to go preach the gospel and to make disciples...just go tell your story. Like this man from whom demons were cast in Mark 5, go to your people and tell them what the Lord has done for you. God will be pleased, and the people will be amazed.*