

His-Story

The Pathway

Do Life Together

Worship Together Regularly

Enjoy God's Presence

Live Differently

Give Generously

Share Your Story

Serve Others

Myth #1

Sharing your story means sharing
your conversion story.

Luke 12: 11 “When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, 12 for **the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.**”

Myth #2

You can argue someone into the kingdom.

Acts 17: 22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way **you are very religious.**”

Myth #3

Sharing your story begins with
you sharing.

Acts 8: 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” **Philip asked.**

Myth #4

I'm doing the heavy lifting in the
work of outreach.

Acts 10: At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. 2 He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. 3 **One day** at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. **He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, “Cornelius!”**



Joshua 21: 43 So the Lord gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their ancestors, and they took possession of it and settled there. 44 The Lord gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their ancestors. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the Lord gave all their enemies into their hands. 45 **Not one of all the Lord's good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.**

Joshua 24: 2 Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. 3 But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and **gave** him many descendants. **I gave** him Isaac,

Joshua 24: 4 and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I assigned the hill country of Seir to Esau, but Jacob and his family went down to Egypt.

God's story is about a gift.

God

...breaks hopelessness

...reconciles siblings

...guarantees futures

...gives safe land

God does for a family what we
cannot do

Joshua 24: 5 “Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians by what I did there, and I brought you out. 6 When I brought your people out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued them with chariots and horsemen as far as the Red Sea.

Joshua 24: 7 But they cried to the Lord for help, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians; he brought the sea over them and covered them. You saw with your own eyes what I did to the Egyptians. Then you lived in the wilderness for a long time.

God's gives the gift of
freakish freedom.

Joshua 24: 6 When I brought **your people** out of
Egypt, **you came** to the sea

It was always "them"

And it's always "us"

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Joshua 24: But as for me and my household, we
will serve the Lord.”

We share our story

in the hope that others will switch
theirs

SHARING YOUR STORY

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Be prepared to
H.E.L.P.

Be **H**OSPITABLE

Unchurched people choose a church based upon how warmly they are welcomed.

1 Thessalonians 2: 8 Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you **not only** the gospel of God but our lives as well.

EVERYTHING belongs to you.

Your own life is a great part of
your witness.

1 Corinthians 3: 21 All things are yours, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, 23 and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

LISTEN

Don't let differences divide us
from others.

James 1: 19 Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry...

Notice other's PAIN

Be an excellent "noticer"

Galatians 6: 2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Will you

Be **H**ospitable.

Claim **E**verything as yours.

Listen

Notice other's **P**ain?

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