

Sharing Your Story

Your story, your testimony, can be a powerful witness for the glory of God. Revelation 12 tells us that those in heaven overcame the Accuser, Satan, by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. It is how we overcome as well. Every story is unique and powerful.

Please consider sending your testimony back to us at Inspiration Ministries. We treasure the stories we receive and often use them to encourage others. The following questions can help you clearly tell your story.



How to Tell Your Story...

- Describe the problem or concern you took to God (including how long it had been in your life).
- How had you tried to solve the problem on your own ... and what ways did you take it to God?
- What did God do for you?
- What did God use to help you ... prayer, a friend, a program, His Word, or something else?
- How did Inspiration Ministries come alongside you with this problem? (*i.e.* Devotional, website, daily video, Spiritual Growth Hub, Prayer Center)
- How has God's intervention changed your life ... your faith?
- How can your testimony help someone know more about Jesus Christ and the reality of how His work on the cross changes lives today?

Key Tip...

Use your testimony to declare who Jesus is and how His work on the cross relates to your miracle(s). That gives more glory to God, which allows you to impact lives eternally.

3 Easy Ways to Share Your Story:



<http://inspiration.org/my-story>



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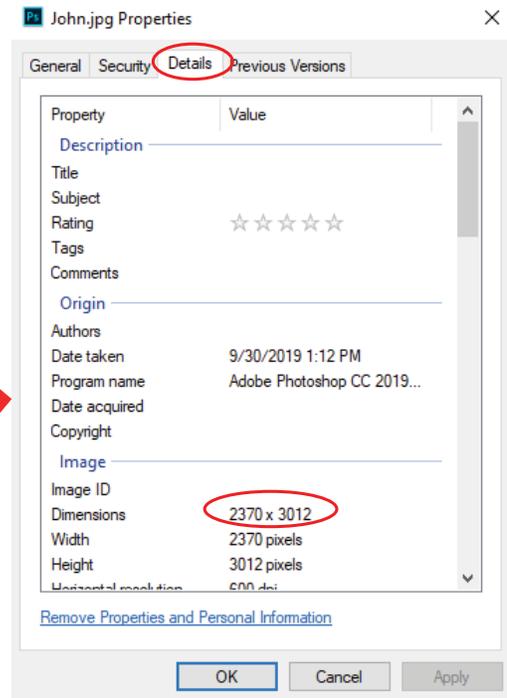


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What Makes A Good Photo?

File Quality

- Take the photo at the highest resolution setting available on your camera.
- From a technical perspective, our preferred resolution is minimum 1200 x 800 pixels. If your photo file is on your computer, right click on it and you will see the size of your photo in pixels. The higher the pixel count, the larger we can use the photo.
- Send original photos.
- Do NOT send photos that have been...
 - ... resized for sharing.
 - ... formatted for emailing.
 - ... downloaded from Facebook.
 - ... professionally-shot. (They have copyrights, and we can't use them.)



Composition Quality

- Take the photo with your light source in front of your subject, not behind them, so you don't end up with a silhouette and/or shadows.
- If your photos look shadowy, try turning on the flash, even if it is a bright day.
- Move in close enough to your subject (without cropping off the arms) that you are filling the photo frame with your subject.
- A head/shoulder shot is preferable.
- Make sure there are no sign posts, poles, trees, etc., sticking up from behind your subjects' heads.
- The photo to the left is a good example of how to fill your photo frame with your subject.

10 Tips for Recording *Your Testimony Video*



- 1** Good lighting is important. Whether you're indoors or outdoors, make sure your face and body are evenly lit. Stay away from bright areas behind you, like windows or white walls, which could damage the look of your video.

- 2** Look around to make sure there is no large plant or lamp behind you that could appear to be growing out of your head on camera. Simply sit or stand several meters away from your background. This will take the focus off of the background and back onto you.
- 3** Once you find your favorite setting, close your eyes and listen to your surroundings. It should be quiet. And when you're ready, open your eyes, speak clearly but comfortably, and share your testimony.
- 4** If you're using your mobile phone to record your video, hold it horizontally, not vertically. Recording horizontally looks much better when it's shared on television and online.
- 5** Don't move the camera or record your testimony with a moving background, such as riding in a car or walking. Simply sit or stand and tell your story to the camera, as if you're talking to me face to face. Try to find someone to record your testimony for you. And no background music, please.
- 6** Maintain eye contact with the camera. Don't look at your reflection on your phone or camera screen. Looking straight into the camera will help your testimony get the best response because you are then talking directly to your audience.
- 7** When you begin your testimony, state your full name and spell it slowly and clearly. Then tell us where you're from, such as your state, city, and country.



- 8** Smile and relax. If you get a little emotional, don't start over, just keep recording. We'll edit out any mistakes or mess-ups. Remember, a little emotion will actually engage your audience even more.
- 9** Keep your testimony to three minutes or fewer. In three minutes, we'd like for you to answer four questions:
 - A. How did God transform your life?
 - B. How did Inspiration Ministries impact you?
 - C. What was the hardest part of your journey to faith?
 - D. What was the best part of your journey to faith?
- 10** When you're done recording your testimony, play it back to verify that you've incorporated these ten tips. If you need to reshoot some parts of your testimony, no problem, just send us all of your video clips. Also, feel free to send us any related photos, documents, news clippings, or proof that supports your testimony.