

Real Talk: Sharing your Faith Story

Keep it *True!* Keep it *you!*

Main Point:

Think about what message you wish someone had told you when you were going through a rough patch.

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"It start when..." (45 seconds)

Talk about a moment in your life that set the scene for your story.

- Was this happening at home, in school, in church, in a relationship?
- What was life like for you then?
- Keep it real. Let people understand your world.

Eg. "It start when I was in Form 3 and I was feeling like nothing I did was ever good enough, even though I was trying hard in school."

2

"Lemme tell yuh what I mean..." (2-3 minutes)

Give a real example or mini-story that shows what you were going through.

- Make people see and feel it, like they were there too.
- Talk about how you felt, what was going on inside you.
- Be honest. Don't be afraid to share your struggle or high point.

Eg.: "One day, I get back my report card and it was full of red marks. I remember going home, sitting on my bed, and wondering why I even trying."

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"Because of that, I start to..." (1-2 minutes)

How did that moment affect you? What changed in how you saw yourself, God, or others?

- Did you start thinking differently?
- Did you pray more, or see yourself in a new way?
- Be specific.

Eg. "Because of that, I start to pray a lil' more and ask God to help me believe in myself the way He does."

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"But then, something happen..." (1-2 minutes)

Talk about the moment something shifted: the event, person, or encounter that made a difference.

- Did God show up in a way you didn't expect?
- Was it a conversation, a youth camp, a song, a random moment?
- Paint the picture. Let people imagine it with you.

Eg. "But then, my friend invite me to youth group, and when the leader was talking about God knowing our hearts, I feel like they were talking straight to me."

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"Since then, I realize..." (1-2 minutes)

What new thing did you realize about yourself, life, or God because of this?

- How did that change continue in your life?
- Did it help you in school, with friends, with family?
- Talk about how you're growing even if you're still figuring it out.

Eg. "Since then, I realize that even when I feel like a failure, God sees me as His child and loves me anyway."

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"Now, I wanna..." (1 minute)

Who are you today because of this experience? What's different now?

- Are you stronger, braver, more loving, more real?
- What's your hope for others hearing your story?

Eg. "Now, I wanna remind other teens like me that they matter to God, even when they feel small or left out."

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