

# Writing Your Transformation Story

## Why do we tell our stories?

- We overcome the Devil by the blood of the Lamb and the power of our testimony (Rev 12:11).
- It benefits both the teller and the listener. There is healing for us every time we tell of the transforming power of Christ in our lives. The listener might possibly gain hope, encouragement, perspective and healing from my story.
- Every time I contemplate (and especially when I write out) my story, I can gain new understanding of God, of others and of myself.
- God created us with a longing to know others and to be known by others. We long to understand how our lives fit in.
- It builds community.
- We are comforted by God so that we may comfort others (2 Cor 1:4).

## Subject Types

Following are some sample subject types to get you thinking. It is not an exhaustive list and there could be overlap of subject types in your story. Your transformation story is not your “life” story. For most of us who have been following the Lord for any length of time, we likely have multiple transformation stories.

1. Salvation story
2. Event: divorce, writing a book, getting an advanced degree, death of someone close to me, getting a new job, working in a ministry, short-term missions trip
3. Relationship with: father, mother, child, sibling, ex-spouse
4. Theme in life: depression, anxiety, loneliness, timidity, joy, peace
5. Dream that changed my life
6. Overcoming something: drug abuse, alcohol abuse, hatred
7. Season: raising teenagers, repentance, starting a business, blessing others
8. Practice/hobby: journaling, walking, gardening, sailing
9. Transition in life: going from a life that is languishing to a life that is thriving

## Potential Questions to Answer in your Story

1. How was I before?
2. What was the thing that motivated me to take action?
3. What was the turning point in my story?
4. What happened during the story?
5. What changed in me?
6. Who did I become after the story?
7. What emotions did I feel?
8. How did it impact others?
9. How did God show his mercy to me? Mercy being defined as “compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone.” For example, “God forgave me for the mean things I did to my ex-spouse.”
10. How did God show his grace to me? Grace being defined as “His power to do in me and through me what I could never do in my own power.” For example, “God gave me the power to forgive my ex-wife for the things she had done to me. And, he empowered me to begin praying for her salvation.”
11. How was I transformed?

The target length of your transformation story should be 500 to 3500 words. See: *Transformation Stories* on the [whoamibecoming.org](http://whoamibecoming.org) dropdown menu for samples. If you feel comfortable sharing your story, email it to [joe@ridgepointwichita.com](mailto:joe@ridgepointwichita.com). With your permission, the *Who Am I Becoming?* team may post some stories to the website and if posted, will lightly edit your story for clarity and formatting.