

# INCLUDING YOUR CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY IN YOUR WILL

Billy Graham encouraged each of us to trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and desired that we point others to Jesus. Just like Mr. Graham, you can share the hope of the Gospel with your loved ones even after your death by including your testimony in your will. You may use the guide below to get started.

Your Christian testimony—the story of how you came to know Jesus Christ and how He's changed your life—should not surprise others but should simply be a reflection of your lifestyle, values, and decisions as His follower. As you write it out, think about how you'll be sharing your faith—both in your will and in conversations with others. This will help you choose your words and determine what to include. Remember, the purpose of this exercise is two-fold: to remind you of Jesus Christ's faithfulness and to share Him with others.



## AS YOU WRITE YOUR STORY, KEEP THESE TIPS IN MIND:

- Use everyday words and a conversational tone.
- Avoid religious jargon.
- Share from the heart—don't preach.
- Be concise.

# THE THREE-POINT TESTIMONY

God's Word offers the best outline for your testimony. Acts 26 records how the Apostle Paul stood before King Agrippa and gave his testimony—boldly, simply, and logically. Paul used three points: his life before Christ, how he met the Lord, and what his life was like after he became a Christian. Your testimony can follow the same pattern:

## **1. My Life Before I Came to Christ:**

Set the stage by sharing relevant information like your priorities, friends, and family, and details about your lifestyle, like Paul did in Acts 26:4-11. Include information you know unbelievers will be able to relate to. Connect your own experience to universal needs like hope, love, and forgiveness.

## **2. My Conversion Experience:**

In Acts 26:12-20, Paul describes how Jesus confronted him. Consider the circumstances that led you to encountering Christ—think about key events and highlight turning points. Include the steps you took, people you talked to, prayer experiences, and Scripture passages that touched your heart.

## **3. My New Life:**

Finally, share how Christ has transformed your life. Since you started following Him, how have your values and behaviors changed? What motivates you to serve others and grow in your spiritual walk? Paul declares his identity is now in God in Acts 26:21-23. How has your identity changed?

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*Learn how you can also share your testimony with stories of God's faithfulness in your life. See pages 41-42.*