Baptism Testimony Outline **April , 2025**

1. Introduction

- Your name and why you are getting baptized today
- ***Example, "Good morning everyone, my name is Terry and I'm getting baptized today because I want to declare that I am a follower of Jesus."***

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2. Life Before Christ

- What was your life like before you came to know Jesus?
- What were you struggling with or searching for?
- If you were raised in a Christian home, share what that was like and when faith became personal.
- ***Example, "I did not grow up in a Christian home, but as a teenager I was invited to a church youth group and that is where I first heard about Jesus. I didn't decide to follow Jesus back then, but I knew in my heart Jesus would be a good thing for me. In the coming years I ended up in some very unhealthy relationships and behaviors that left me quite broken. I struggled to trust people and struggled with some addictions. It wasn't until I was in my late 20's that another friend invited me to a church function where I heard about the redeeming love of Jesus Christ and I knew I wanted that in my life!"***

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3. How You Met Jesus

- What led you to make the decision to follow Christ?
- Was there a moment, event, or process that opened your heart?
- Who or what helped you understand the gospel?
- ***Example, "I started to regularly attend church Sunday mornings and I got involved in extra church groups during the week. It was at one of these extra gatherings where I asked Jesus to forgive me of my sin and to come and take control of my life."***

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4. Life After Trusting Jesus

- How has your life changed since following Him?
- What has God been teaching you?
- How has your heart, mindset, or relationships shifted?
- ***Example, "My life has changed a lot since I surrendered to Jesus. I have started to experience healing from my broken relationships and I have also experienced freedom with some of the bad habits I had fallen into. I have also noticed how I have more peace and hope in my heart, especially when I am having a rough day, giving up isn't an option, praying and asking God for help is!"***

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5. Why You're Getting Baptized

- What does baptism mean to you?
- Why now?
- What do you want others to know about your faith?
- ***Example, "At one of the extra church events I regularly attend they were talking about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and one of the identifiers of a Jesus follower is that they have been baptized, which is an outward declaration of the inward work God is doing inside of us. It's also an act of obedience as Jesus teaches us to be baptized and I want to be obedient to His words!"***

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6. Closing

- A favorite Bible verse (optional)
- A simple thank you to those who supported you in your faith journey
- ***Example, "I know it's a common verse for people, but I love John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life." I'm just so thankful that God expressed his love for us through giving us His Son, Jesus. Jesus did for us what I could not do for myself, I couldn't save my self! I needed Jesus! Thank you to all of those people who faithfully serve in churches giving people like me the opportunity to come and get to meet Jesus!"***