

AIM-101 ALL_AWE: A Living Legacy [AWE-Inspiring Witness-within Evangelizing]

TELLING YOUR STORY:

Awe-inspiring Witness-within Evangelizing is the practice of radiating God's love by sharing the transcendent, awe-inspiring moments of **His grace in you**; it's testifying to the miraculous, relatable ways God has moved -- drawing others to Christ through your genuine hope.

- **EVANGELIZING** WITH FRESH ENCOUNTER <https://blackaby.org/fresh-encounter/> The *Fresh Encounter Weekend* event provides an overview of **Seven Phases in God's Pattern for Spiritual Awakening**.

1. God is on mission to redeem a lost world. He calls a people into a relationship with Himself, and He accomplishes His work through them.
2. God's people tend to depart from Him turning to substitutes for His presence, His purposes, and His ways.
3. God disciplines His people because of His love.
4. God's people cry out to Him for help.
5. God calls His people to repent and return to Him or perish.
6. God revives His repentant people by restoring them to a right love relationship with Himself.
7. God exalts His Son Jesus in His people and draws the lost to saving faith in Him.

How to Write Your Story: Finding Your Headline: Who is Jesus to you? What scripture compels you to Christ? When did you come to "know" Christ? Share Where you have experienced God changing you and helping you overcome lies you have believed about Him; Share Why you believe; Share How you are drawn by the Holy Spirit to Christ? What's the central theme or 'headline' of your story?

John Vaughn's story: <https://www.sermonaudio.com/sermons/22711036523>

Becky Vaughn's story: <https://www.sermonaudio.com/sermons/22726203431856>

Choose the headline below that best illustrates your experience and delete the others. If none of these resonate, feel free to create your own. Your personal story, your "testimony," is an effective connection point to others: It is your history. Note, it is HIS-story, the Story of Jesus in you. Writing your story down and being ready to stand up and tell it when GOD puts someone in front of you, believe me, that's a godwink moment: **Acts 17:30-31 KJV** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: [31] Because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.

Just as in a courtroom one tells "what I saw" or "what I heard" or "here is what happened," so it is with your story of coming to faith in Christ. You must want people to know what matters in your life, what is the most important thing that has ever happened in your life. You were there! You know what happened and what Jesus has done in your life. People relate to real life examples. You can tell others in such a way that they too can come to faith in Christ. Here is a simple way to express your story. Write the details in a conversational way with each point. You could begin by saying "Could I tell you about my spiritual journey and what has really made a difference?" or by simply asking, "May I tell you my story?"

1. Tell about—My life before I came to faith in Jesus. What was your life like? What concerns did you have? What fears did you have? What problems did you face? What did you try to do to "fix" yourself or your situation before you came to Jesus? No need to go into great detail about your sin. Share in a way that does not glorify or brag about the things that were wrong in your life. For some who came to Christ early in life, there are not a lot of "big" sins, but there is always a spiritual need in every life.

2. Tell about—How I came to place faith in Jesus personally. When did you first hear about Jesus Christ? What about Jesus got your attention? When did you begin to be convicted about your sins? What other spiritual truths did you begin to think about? The love of God? The needs of your own life? Fear of the future? What did you think of the story of Jesus, His life, His death for your sins, His resurrection from the grave? What Scriptures touched you? Where were you and when did you call on the Lord to forgive you and

save you, giving Him your life, placing faith in Him as Lord and Savior?

3. Tell about—How Jesus has changed my life since I placed faith in Him. Did salvation change your desired career choice? What changes did I notice at first? What changes have I seen over the months or years since placing faith in Jesus? Have I had a Barnabas encourager to help me? How has Jesus impacted my life? How is life different in Point 3 than it was in Point 1? What is going on in my life now because of Christ? How is He real day by day? What did you experience in the Holy Spirit leading this week?

- ___ Realized the power of my new identity in Christ
- ___ Realized that in Christ, I am secure, significant, and accepted
- ___ Realized the significance of being a saint rather than a sinner
- ___ Realized that when I go wrong, it doesn't change God's love for me
- ___ Understood that faith is simply believing what is already true
- ___ Understood that I was operating under an unbiblical worldview
- ___ Understood what the flesh is and that I can choose to walk by the Spirit rather than by the flesh
- ___ Understood the battle going on for my mind and how to win it
- ___ Realized that I do not need to be frightened of Satan and demons
- ___ Saw my feelings change over time as I made a determined effort to believe the truth
- ___ Saw that I can be emotionally honest
- ___ Made a choice to forgive someone and, in the process, was set free myself
- ___ Realized that I need to take personal responsibility for my walk with the Lord rather than looking to others to 'fix' me
- ___ Brought my belief system back into line with what is true through renewing my mind using 'stronghold-busting'.
- ___ Realized all the lies I had been believing and took steps to change my beliefs
- ___ Realized that I can be a success in God's eyes but a complete failure in the eyes of the world (or vice versa)
- ___ Was completely released from all the negative effects of the past.

3. My story in a couple of paragraphs

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