

# Speech

- yap: 30 seconds
- how did Jesus change my life?
  - id always known Hes always been there (upbringing)
  - worked in me continually (growth cycles)
  - some scriptures that i live by
    - 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
    - Matthew 6:33

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
    - Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
    - Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?
    - 1 Corinthians 10:13 (second half)

....he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.
  - these verses guide my faith and my actions
    - (or i guess you could say my faith in action hahaha)
- why not earlier?
  - i had a warped perception of baptism
    - guilt, shame and not being good enough
    - thinking i wasnt ready
  - commitment and avoidant issues
    - uh lets not talk about this in too much detail :P

- what changed?
  - met different people that changed my perception of baptism
    - (some who are strangers!)
    - dwelled on the fact that i have already been forgiven
  - i started taking my life more seriously
    - helped me realise the extent of my imperfection (and that i need God in my life)
    - opened my eyes to the vastness of Gods grace (praise <3) (and that i WANT God in my life)
    - also linked to the significance and grandness of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross (and that he DESERVES my declaration as his follower)
- whats next?
  - follow Gods calling for me to be a "minister of hearts" (prophesied by a stranger, he even prayed for me <3)
    - continue to better myself so i can be prepared to guide and minister others in their faith
  - continue to make effort in LIVING OUT Gods word
    - read the word more
    - pray when tempted or faced with difficulty
- CONCLUSION
  - scripture to end this on
    - Joshua 1:9
 

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.
    - Matthew 28:19
 

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
  - prayer
    - go ham, pray your heart out