

Testimony

Introduction

- yap and warm up, get a feel of the audience (1 minute tops)
- talk about my life (1 minute tops)
 - current situation
 - been a christian all my life
 - only started taking God seriously since 4-5 years ago
 - studying software engineering 3rd year
 - working (at a pretty cool job praise God)
 - serving in NLK and RESO ministries
- introduce structure of testimony (1 minute tops)
 - will be unconventional and in [stages](#)
 - this is due to my unusual relationship with God over the years
 - also due to my upbringing and circumstances
 - each stage will have:
 - [blessings](#)
 - [challenges](#)
 - [lessons](#)
 - [growth](#)

Stages

Summary

- i was blessed with:
 - amazing environments to grow and learn in
 - reliable people to nurture me
- i was challenged by:
 - a strong sense of rejection
- i was shown:
 - unbiased perception of myself
 - unconditional love by others
- this resulted in:
 - a strong sense of conscience

- reinforced self esteem

(3 minutes tops)

Blessings

(3 minutes tops)

(5 minutes tops)

(5 minutes tops)

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Conclusion

why am i getting baptised?

Speech

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- 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