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Share Your Glory Story

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him..." Romans 8:28

What is a Glory Story? Think back on your life...chances are you have had an encounter with God's grace which is a powerful reminder of his love for you. Sometimes, these encounters come when we are lost, hurting, confused, and unsure what to do next. Or, they may come at a time of great joy. You may have experienced this grace at a time in your life when you did not realize you were in the palm of his hand, yet you can look back now and see that you were being cared for and called to something greater. This may have been a one-time event, or perhaps your faith in God has been a constant guide and a source of strength to you in your everyday life. Please share your story with us – your words will touch someone else and remind them of God's love, or inspire them to seek God and develop a relationship with him. Your story should be told in 3 minutes or less.

Please find a quiet place where you can think and reflect. Ask Jesus to be with you as you think about which encounter he would like you to share. We have provided the following template to guide you; please attach your finished work to this page.

- ❖ Begin with a greeting and introduction, "Hello, my name is _____ and I would like to tell you about..." (please give a specific detail about what you are going to share; this can be about how God took away your fear, moved your heart, healed you, restored your faith, or guided you through a difficult time or toward a change that filled you with peace).
- ❖ Share what your life situation was like leading up to your encounter with God. What were you struggling to overcome? What were you feeling? How was your situation affecting those around you?
- ❖ Speak about your actual conversion point and/or specific experience with God; highlight the most significant aspects of your story. What happened that made you realize you were not alone? How did you feel guided by God? Did you realize at the time that he was working in your life, or did this realization come later? Write your thoughts as though you are speaking to a good friend about what you experienced. What did God do for you, and what did he ask of you in return? How did you feel about responding with your 'yes'?
- ❖ Share what happened after your encounter—how has your life changed as a result of God's grace?
- ❖ Please end your story with an invitation to others to be open to receiving God's grace. Assure everyone that this grace, and God's love, is for everyone, no matter where they are in terms of their faith or their belief in him. He waits for us, patiently, until we turn our hearts to him. All we need to do is ask him to dwell in us. He accepts us wherever we are – we do not need to be perfect, we do not need to say the "right" prayers, we simply need to ask him to guide us. He desires to give us all that we need – even when we do not know what that might be.

Thank you for sharing your story! Please remember to write and/or speak with confidence, to tell the truth about your encounter without exaggerating, and to know that through your words, God is working to inspire others to want faith, or a deeper faith, in their lives.

Please return your story to Tina Burtch via email, tburtch.saintjohn@gmail.com, or via the collection basket, place in the drop box outside of the Parish Office, or give to a staff member.



My Glory Story

Name:

Email:

Do you give permission for your story to be published on the SJN website or in an upcoming bulletin? Yes No

Are you interested in sharing your story with our congregation at Mass? Yes No Maybe