

# Sharing my Faith Story

## without using Religious Language

Start with everyday language. Later you will have the opportunity to go into details. The goal is to ensure that the door does not close even before you have an opportunity to communicate a truth. Here are some suggestions. Others will come to mind. Review your written Faith Story with this in mind.

<b>Religious Language</b>	<b>Non Religious Language</b>
<b>Amen</b>	That's right! Right on! Yes!
<b>Baptism of the Holy Spirit</b>	New power from God. Let the Sprit fill you with God's new light and love.
<b>Bible, Gospel</b>	Word of God. Jesus' message. Good news that can help you.
<b>Blessing</b>	Good things. Something good in your life
<b>Body of Christ</b>	Christians, churches. All Christians.
<b>Born again</b>	To have a spiritual experience. To have a spiritual awakening. Turn your life to Jesus
<b>Brothers and sisters</b>	Like-minded people. Other Christians.
<b>Call of God on your life</b>	Your call. You have been chosen to live something unique.
<b>Deliverance</b>	Removing any obstacles from you. Coming into your full call in God.
<b>Demons, Satan</b>	Negative forces that influence your life.
<b>Discernment</b>	Ability to see beneath the surface; distinguish good from evil.
<b>Disciple</b>	Become a follower of Jesus. Mentor others.
<b>Edification</b>	Encouragement Others are encouraged by your actions, the way you live your life.
<b>Faith</b>	Trusting in what you can't see or understand yet. Believe that things will work out.
<b>Favour</b>	Good things are coming your way.
<b>Fruit of the Spirit</b>	Good characteristics in your life from having a relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Evidence of changes in your life.
<b>Grace</b>	Things are going to be easier. Your life will change for the better.
<b>Healing</b>	Things are going to change for the better. You are recovering from something.
<b>Heart of a shepherd</b>	You love someone as God does. You are compassionate.
<b>Holiness</b>	Doing what is right. Putting your life in order.
<b>Intercede / Intercession</b>	It is more than just a quick prayer. It is to keep asking God to answer a prayer for someone or something.
<b>Justification</b>	Changed life because of Jesus' love for you and His death on the cross.
<b>Lost</b>	Those who are not Christians. People who don't personally know God's love. People who don't know the love of Jesus do not like being called "lost".
<b>Mantle</b>	A unique gifting, special ability from God. Something you have been created to do. You have a special purpose.

<b>Religious Language</b>	<b>Non Religious Language</b>
<b>Ministry</b>	Something for which you have been chosen. Helping others because of a call.
<b>Pray / prayer</b>	Communicate with God; reflect on.
<b>Prophetic</b>	See and understand spiritually. Deeper understanding.
<b>Purity</b>	Doing what is right. Staying away from things that may be bad for you.
<b>Reap what you have sown</b>	Some things you have done, good or bad, may come back to you.
<b>Recompense</b>	You are being rewarded for something well done.
<b>Redemption</b>	The liberation of mankind through Christ.
<b>Repentance</b>	Really be sorry and ready to ask God to forgive you. Come to a place where you are really sorry for things you have done wrong.
<b>Resurrection</b>	Come back to life.
<b>Revelation</b>	New insight. Get clarity on a situation. You will have some answers to some of your questions.
<b>Sanctification</b>	Grow spiritually. Allowing God to change you.
<b>Saved by grace</b>	Free gift of a new life that is not based on what you do but given just because God loves you.
<b>Sinful nature</b>	Condition we are born with. Our vulnerability.
<b>Spiritual gifts</b>	A God-given ability. Something you are naturally good at.
<b>Spiritual or generational inheritance</b>	Special abilities passed down through your family. Negative things in your family, dad or mom, grandparents, etc. that are affecting your call; that is blocking good things from coming to you.
<b>Stumbling block</b>	Obstacle to your spiritual growth.
<b>Vision</b>	See things in a different light. Seeing a picture in your mind.
<b>Wisdom</b>	Good advice. Right thing to do. Good choice. Good decision.
<b>Washed in the Blood</b>	Your wrongdoing has been forgiven because of Jesus' love for you, and His death on the cross.
<b>Washed with the Word</b>	Getting spiritual insight from the Bible that will help you mature spiritually.