

Appendix D  
Preparing to Tell Your Faith Story  
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1. Draw a time line from left to right on a sheet of paper, the left being your birth the right being the present.

Time line:

Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Present

2. On the time line mark and identify (by year) significant events that were turning points in your life.
3. Above the line describe the context within which the event occurred. What else was going on in your life at that time?
4. Below the line describe your awareness of God at that point. Was God present or absent?
5. What was God doing with you in that event – comforting, challenging, provoking, teaching, giving, providing, loving, affirming, etc.?
6. Look at the whole time line. Are there patterns in the turning point events of your life? What initiates turning points? What is required of you? How were you different after these events?
7. What are the patterns in your experience of God and your relationship with God? Is there a consistency in God's actions and responses in your turning points?
8. Imagine telling someone about your insights into God's presence and working in your life. Tell your story of how God has come into your life and what has been the result when you have recognized God's presence. Tell the story to yourself, then tell your story to a friend and listen for the response your story will trigger in your friend.
9. Tell you story to someone outside a faith community
10. Commit to inviting God into your life as your life line lengthens into your future, regularly engaging the Gospel with others.