



“Telling Your Story”

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Sermon Recap

- We all have a “faith story.” No two faith stories are exactly the same. Some of us may not have a definitive moment that we would describe as a “conversion experience,” and it can leave us feeling like we are missing something on our faith journey.
- In Mark chapter 5, Jesus instructs a man who has experienced Christ’s healing power to “go and tell others what the Lord has done for you.” That, in essence, seems to be the best way to frame a “faith story.”
- Amy Loftis shares her story.
- What I appreciate about Amy’s story is that she doesn’t describe an event that took place thirty years ago. Amy tells about how she is experiencing God’s grace every week by staying connected through the different ministry opportunities offered by our church.
- As you “find your one” (i.e., the January “Discipleship Challenge”) it is important to stay connected with them by communicating regularly, spending time with them, praying for them and with them, and also telling them your story.
- One paradigm shift that must take place is learning to tell our story rather than using an invitation to church as our primary way of making disciples. It is as simple as telling them what God has done for you and how you have experienced God’s grace, *recently*.



- Each time that our small groups gather we ask the question, “How have you experienced God’s grace recently?” It gives the opportunity to share our witness in a safe place so that we might be better prepared to share our faith story with others.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Are you an early bird or a night owl?
2. Have you ever been intimidated by the thought of sharing your faith with others? What assumptions do you carry about what it means to witness or tell your faith story that might be holding you back?
3. How might the story of the man in Mark chapter 5 help you reframe what it means to talk about your faith with others?
4. How has this week’s message challenged you, inspired you, or confused you? If you could ask Pastor Jonathan a follow up question after listening to this week’s message, what would it be?
5. How have you witnessed God’s grace recently?
6. How can we pray for you?