THREE-PART STORYTELLING FRAMEWORK

Let's use the once-blind man's story and a simple tool for learning how to tell our own story in three parts. You won't believe the amazing stories that come out of this simple framework.

PART 1: MY LIFE BEFORE JESUS

What was your life like before you met Jesus? Or if you grew up in church knowing all about Jesus, what was your life like before you got serious about following Him? Your story begins with who you were.

PART 2: HOW I MET JESUS

How did you become a Christ-follower? Did you go through a particularly tough time in your life that led you to God? Did a friend invite you to a church service? Did a family member introduce you to Jesus? Did an experience inspire you to get serious about committing your life to Jesus?

PART 3: MY LIFE SINCE I MET JESUS

What difference has following Jesus made in your life? How has knowing Him impacted how you walk through both the good and the hard times in life? Yes, when you tell your story include both the good and hard times. People will be more impacted when you're honest about the challenges you continue to face even since choosing to follow Jesus. And don't give the easy Sunday school answer. Talk about how your life is different and how God is growing you in certain areas, but make sure you're sincere about how it's a process and how you still often get it wrong. Saint Francis Xavier said it well: "Speak to them the great mercy of God… Sometimes people are helped by your telling of your own lamentable past."