

Your Testimony

Let's start from the beginning of your story. How did you come to Christ? Consider how things were before you accepted Christ. Verses God used to introduce you to Jesus. How God has been working in your life since you met Jesus. A great tool is the 15 second testimony (link below).

[15 SECOND TESTIMONY](#)

BEFORE I MET CHRIST...
HOW I MET CHRIST...
SINCE I MET CHRIST...

Your Big Moments

What are some of the defining moments in your life? List the events that had a significant impact on you. They may be very positive or painful. Consider what God taught you in that experience.

EVENT	LESSONS LEARNED

Your Impactful People

Who have been the most significant people in your life? Jot them down. Next to each name give a description of how they impacted you. Some on the list may have negatively impacted you.

PERSON	HOW THEY IMPACTED YOUR LIFE

Your Great Passion

Read the quote below from Charles Spurgeon.

“The first sign of the heavenly calling is an intense, all-absorbing desire for the work. In order to be a true call to the ministry there must be an irresistible, overwhelming craving and raging thirst for telling to others what God has done to our own souls.” Charles Spurgeon

Do you resonate with this? In one paragraph, how would you describe your thirst for ministry?

Your Spiritual Gifts

What do you think are the gifts God has given you? How have you been able to use them? In the space below, jot down a few ways you are using your gifts. How do you feel when using your giftedness?

Your Specific Call

God calls every believer to Christian service. God's universal call to Christian service can be expressed through any honest vocation. God wants and needs Christian teachers, plumbers, attorneys, mechanics, nurses, and carpenters. There is, however, a distinct call to ministry leadership that often (though not always) results in employment in a ministry position.

Iorg, Jeff. *Is God Calling Me?* (p. 20). B&H Publishing Group. Kindle Edition.

It would appear that while God has a general call to ministry for every believer, there is a special call toward ministry leadership for some. Consider the following passages:

- “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest” (Matt. 9:38).
- “The Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them’” (Acts 13:2).
- “He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors, and teachers ... ” (Eph. 4:11).

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. James 3:1

Do you feel that you have a distinct call to ministry leadership? Why or why not?

Your Guides

Fortunately, you are not alone in this journey. You have people in your life that can help! Jot down a few names of people who would be beneficial in guiding you. Some of the people have watched you for many years. Others that you don't know well have been in ministry for many years and can give you direction. There are several books that can give you insight (listed below). Make a list of the people you could talk to in the near future.

NAMES OF POTENTIAL GUIDES

Your Resources

Here are a few books to read that might give you some guidance. We offer Iorg's book free of charge. Just email brian@usmb.org.

Jeff Iorg, *Is God Calling Me?*

Jason Allen, *Discerning Your Call to Ministry*

Scott Pace & Shane Pruitt, *Calling Out the Called*

Os Guinness, *The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life*

Kevin & Kay Marie Brennfleck, *Live Your Calling*