



Sharing Your Freedom Journey

It only takes one. One woman sharing her encounter of the Rabbi at the well. One tax-collector showing how he was a radically different person because of the Messiah calling his name. One incredible voice from heaven absolutely turning a persecutor into a passionate follower of Jesus. One – you or me – sharing how we once were bound, held-back, and defeated - until Jesus set you free.

It only takes one. One mustard seed of faith to move mountains. One friend to share his or her journey to open our lives to Jesus. One person to understand with empathy to break down walls standing for generations. Jesus takes the one and multiplies.

It is easy to think in the midst of the mounting challenges of this world that what we do really doesn't matter. The truth is what you do and what you say very much matters. There is one person who shared his or her story with you, and forever after you were changed. *There is one person with whom you have or will share whose whole life-trajectory will be changed because of what you share with her.*

The beauty of challenge is that it pushes us to do what we would never do if we had it our way. Taking our Partnership Banquet and changing it to a Virtual Banquet would never have been our first choice, but God has helped us to see that this challenge has provided an incredible opportunity.

As you share your story, your freedom journey, with others, you are the one the Holy Spirit is using to open their hearts to the need for freedom in Christ. You will invite people to join you virtually or to sit in your living room and to participate in this Partnership Banquet. You will introduce them to Wellsprings of Freedom International and help them see why it's a ministry that is making a global difference. But you will also have the opportunity if you choose to take it to share your story.

We know this can be an intimidating and overwhelming concept for many people, especially sharing with those closest to us. So we have provided this guide to help you think through your freedom journey ahead of time, perhaps journal and spend some time with the Holy Spirit. As you write this out, it will give you a clearer presentation of how to share your story.

By working through the following questions, it will help give you a strong direction for what you should share in your story. ***Aim for 3-5 minutes of you talking – no more!*** We know it's hard, but whet people's appetite and let them ask questions to go deeper.

Before Your Freedom Sessions

What was your life like before your freedom session(s)?

- Spiritual life?
- Emotional/psychological state?
- Relationships?

How did I view God? Others? Myself?

- Doubt, intellectual blinders, anger?

- Fear, anger, unforgiveness, mistrust?
- Depression, anxiety, low self-image?

During Your Freedom Sessions

What did you learn about God? Others? Yourself?

- What lies had you been believing?
- What truth did you need to hear?
- What wounds had been holding you back?

After Your Freedom Sessions

After your freedom sessions, how has your life changed?

- Relationship with God?
- Relationship with others?
- The way you view yourself?

What did you used to do that you don't now?

How did you use to think that you don't now?

What areas is the Holy Spirit still working on in you? What lies or roles are still easy for you to slip back into? How has knowing what you know helped you overcome?

How has your freedom in Christ changed the trajectory of your life?

Where has your freedom in Christ given you a new purpose or boldness you lacked before?

DO'S	DON'TS
Share with others about how Jesus has freed you.	Pressure or preach <i>at them</i> . Let them choose what their next steps will be.
Have faith that the Holy Spirit is at work.	Worry if it doesn't seem like they are getting it.
Keep it simple and use everyday language.	Use lots of religious or even "wellsprings" language.
Know your audience. Highlight certain pieces of your story based on your group.	Try to manipulate by making things up or dramatizing various parts of your journey.
Keep it short.	Go on and on. This is 1-2 minutes; not a sermon.
Let your audience drive the discussion.	Force people to interact. Some people need time to process. By giving time, you show you respect and honor them.
Share every piece of every freedom session you've had. Focus on the before and after, remembering that to the person who has not had that experience yet, it might be misunderstood.	Freak people out! We can get over-zealous about areas of passion. Don't freak people out sharing more details than you should about your story.
Leave room for questions.	Answer every question in your presentation. Leave a few things out for people to ask.