

# Coffee Talk

Week Ten

Sharing My Story

~ Encourage ~

~ Strengthen ~

~ Share ~

You'll be *encouraged* as you hear each story of trial and growth, faith and grace, love and healing.

You'll be *strengthened* as you complete our simple and uplifting Bible study.

You'll *share* your growing joy and faith with others!

It's *contagious*!

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- Faith & Fellowship Women's Ministry of La Mirada Christian Church -

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## Our Story – His Glory

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*Women would see their story as:*

V \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew 10:30-31

E \_\_\_\_\_  
I Corinthians 5:17

B \_\_\_\_\_  
Psalm 66:16

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Psalm 107:1-2

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

*What Does God See About Our Story?*

Luke 8:39

2 Timothy 1:8

Revelation 12:11

Matthew 10:32

1 Peter 3:15

1 John 1:1-4

Romans 10:14

*Why Don't We Share?*

Fear of C \_\_\_\_\_ and S \_\_\_\_\_

Not feeling R \_\_\_\_\_

Ask:

*But We Should...Why?*

For H \_\_\_\_\_ and M \_\_\_\_\_

For C \_\_\_\_\_

For the K \_\_\_\_\_

# Panel of Story Tellers

~My Notes~

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*The Bible as story –*

P \_\_\_\_\_

M \_\_\_\_\_

H \_\_\_\_\_

N \_\_\_\_\_ in our C \_\_\_\_\_

Genesis 50:20

S \_\_\_\_\_ we've D \_\_\_\_\_

Job – The ultimate storyteller

WHEN WE S \_\_\_\_\_, SOMETHING C \_\_\_\_\_:

We process \_\_\_\_\_

We find \_\_\_\_\_

We F \_\_\_\_\_

We s \_\_\_\_\_

We s \_\_\_\_\_

We h \_\_\_\_\_

We s \_\_\_\_\_

#### SHARING OUR STORY or GOD'S STORY?

*"There are lots of voices out there today who will say that there is power in simply telling your story. To an extent that is true. But our stories alone have little power to inspire or change lives. What is more important is figuring out how to use our stories to tell God's story." ~Nancy Guthrie, Bible study author and author of "Holding on to Hope"*

This isn't \_\_\_\_\_

God's word is \_\_\_\_\_

God's word is ...

Hebrews 4:12

Our story should \_\_\_\_\_

*"whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1*

Peter 4:11

*Share God's story through your testimony.*

1. What do I want others to know about God?
2. How will my story point others to God and increase their desire to be in the Word?
3. What key Scripture helps clarify the point of my story? One or two short verses they can write down and perhaps commit to memory.
4. What two or three points could summarize my story and the "take-away" for those with whom I share?
5. What advice will I give others that will ultimately point them to the Father and His Word?
6. What Christian teachers or authors have influenced me that would also be of help to others?

Other Tips:

- Listen to various testimonies to hear examples of how other believers have structured their stories.
- Read biographies to see how God worked in the lives of others.
- There is not one right way, but there is only one truth — so make it your goal to share it!
- Some great Bible passages that clearly explain God's story are Romans 8:31-34, Isaiah 53:3-6, Romans 5:6-11, and 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

What's the P \_\_\_\_\_? ...to \_\_\_\_\_!

## What's stopping you?

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-3*

Life can feel c \_\_\_\_\_

Life can feel s \_\_\_\_\_

Life can feel m \_\_\_\_\_

Life can feel p \_\_\_\_\_

## The Nitty Gritty Practical Part

Writing is a skill and an art – it takes time to be good and to be beautiful

R \_\_\_\_\_

G \_\_\_\_\_

O \_\_\_\_\_

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Y \_\_\_\_\_

O \_\_\_\_\_

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A \_\_\_\_\_

S \_\_\_\_\_

M \_\_\_\_\_

K \_\_\_\_\_

Make it R \_\_\_\_\_ and S \_\_\_\_\_

Consider the E \_\_\_\_\_ that helps you t \_\_\_\_\_ or makes you d \_\_\_\_\_

P \_\_\_\_\_

P \_\_\_\_\_

T \_\_\_\_\_

S \_\_\_\_\_

T \_\_\_\_\_

Stuff you know helps you s \_\_\_\_\_ or f \_\_\_\_\_

F \_\_\_\_\_

M \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

T \_\_\_\_\_

R \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_

Reach U \_\_\_\_\_ – not d \_\_\_\_\_

P \_\_\_\_\_

R \_\_\_\_\_

Keep t \_\_\_\_\_

Ask: H \_\_\_\_\_ g \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ and b \_\_\_\_\_?

Like planning a budget, consider the m \_\_\_\_\_ and m \_\_\_\_\_

The ebb and flow of the w \_\_\_\_\_ y \_\_\_\_\_ – like a tourist community planning:

The b \_\_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_\_

The s \_\_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_\_

Your d \_\_\_\_\_ g \_\_\_\_\_

P \_\_\_\_\_:

Not writing because you think can't

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Pray

"Dear Heavenly Father,

Help me see me, really know me. Search me. Know me. I open my life to you to be your workshop. Work on me. Help me know the things that keep my mind spinning and unproductive and filled with worry or doubt. Grant me wisdom to understand who you want me to be. Give me a heart to really, truly, honestly know you with all of me – heart, mind, body, and soul. Increase my compassion to those around me. Keep me from the pride and stubbornness that makes me less willing to share and hear. Give me the boldness I lack. Please let my life glorify you and get rid of any patterns of behavior or even thoughts that I might have which would keep me from that goal – to glorify you.

Amen."

## Resources

The Intentional Woman

Carol Travilla and Joan Webb

The Transforming Power of Story

Dr. Elaine Leong

Seasons of Waiting

Betsy Childs Howard

How to Share Your Testimony -- C.S. Lewis Institute Blog (online resource)

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## *~ My Notes ~*





*You are loved  
and prayed for.*

