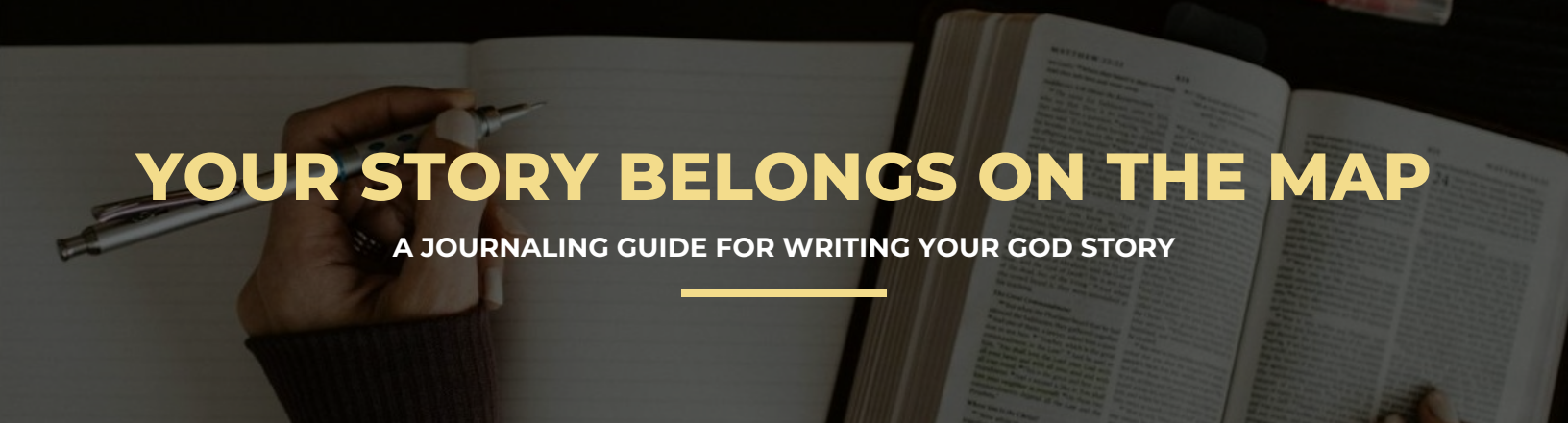


# YOUR STORY BELONGS ON THE MAP

## A JOURNALING GUIDE FOR WRITING YOUR GOD STORY

Grab a pen, find a quiet place, and ask God to help you remember. This guide walks you from "I don't know where to start" to a story you can share.

## Why write your story?

- **It helps you remember.**
  God told Israel to set up stones by the Jordan so that one day their children would ask, "What do these stones mean?" (Joshua 4:6). Your written story is your memorial stone.
- **It gives God the glory.**
  "Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story." (Psalm 107:2) Telling it points people to what He did, not to you.
- **It passes faith on.**
  "One generation commends your works to another." (Psalm 145:4) Someone younger needs to hear what God did for you.
- **It strengthens others.**
  "They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony." (Revelation 12:11)
- **It doesn't have to be dramatic.**
  The man Jesus healed simply said, "One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" (John 9:25) A quiet story of faithfulness matters to God.

> *"God is up to something big. He is recreating creation, one heart at a time."*
>
> **Tom Phillips, Founder, Jesus Now Awakening**

## STEP 1 Brainstorm

Don't write the story yet. Just jot down whatever comes to mind.

**When did you first sense that God was real, or close to you?**

**Who or what did God use? (a friend, a verse, a song, a sermon, a hard day)**

**Where were you, and about when did it happen?**

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**Three words for my life BEFORE**

**Three words for my life NOW**

## STEP 2 Shape your story

Most testimonies follow the same simple pattern. Write a few sentences in each box.

**BEFORE** What was my life like? What was I searching for or struggling with?

**JESUS** What did Jesus do? What happened, and how did I know it was Him?

**AFTER** What is different now? In me, my friends, my campus, or my church?

## STEP 3 Say it in one sentence

**One thing I know:**

## TIPS Before you share

- Keep Jesus the hero. Tell what He did, not just how it felt.
- Be specific: the place, the time, what changed. Short is fine.
- Protect people. Ask before using anyone's name, and never share clear photos of children or teens without a parent's OK.
- Pray first. Ask God who needs to hear your story this week.

### STEP 4: Share it

Your story may become the next pin on the Live Revival Map.

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