

# SHARE YOUR STORY

## JOHN 4:27-42

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

**BACKGROUND:** One of the most effective ways to win someone to Christ is by sharing your testimony with them. Jesus used the woman and her testimony to save the Samaritans. The great thing about a testimony is every believer in Jesus has one. Take time to share your story by comparing your past life with your new life in Christ. You will experience great joy when God uses you to help someone receive Christ!

***YOUR PAST LIFE***—The woman understood that she was a sinner and her life was without hope. You, too, were once without hope in your sin and you did not know that God loved you or if you had eternal life. (**John 4:29-34, 17, 18, fn 4:39, Romans 3:23, fn 3:23, Romans 5:8, fn 5:8, Hebrews 10:17, fn 10:17**) *You could ask, “Have you come to a place in your spiritual journey that you know for certain you have eternal life, or is that something you are still working on?”*

***YOUR NEW LIFE***—The woman believed Jesus and she was so filled with joy about her new found life that she had to share her experience with others. Realizing that you were a sinner, you accepted Christ’s offer of forgiveness and His life by faith. Now, like the woman, you will want others to know Him. (**John 4:34-37, fn 4:35, John 1:12, 13, fn 1:12, 13, Ephesians 2:8, 8, fn 2:8, 9, II Corinthians 5:17, fn 5:17**) *You could ask, “Do you want to receive Jesus’ new life?” If so, than you could ask the person to pray the following prayer with you: “Jesus, please forgive me of my past life of sin. I receive you into my life as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for giving me a new life.”*

***YOUR ETERNAL LIFE***—The woman’s testimony was powerful! Because of what she said the Samaritans believed that Jesus was the Savior of the world and they knew that in Him they had eternal life. By faith in Jesus and what He has done for you, you trusted Him and He gave you a new heart and a new life. Now, with Christ in you, your testimony is powerful, and your God-given faith gives you full assurance of eternal life. (**John 4:39-42, fn 4:36-38, John 5:24, fn 5:24, John 10:28, 29, fn 10:28, 29, I John 5:13, fn 5:13**) *What Scripture would you give the new believer so that they would hve assurance of eternal life?*

*Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?*

