

SHARING YOUR STORY

Because we are #4LINCOLN we want to show it in Hope. One way of displaying hope is by sharing your story or stories. By sharing our stories with those who are far from God, we can communicate that God is the one who can

- Answer prayers
- Heal broken hearts.
- Heal broken bodies.
- Restore broken marriages.
- Rekindle lost relationships.
- Remove guilt and forgive sin.
- Provide new purpose in your life.

Here are some reminders as you share the stories of God in your life:

- Ask for permission to share
- Use everyday language
- Start with a 100 word story and build from there.
 - *“I was arrested for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. The sentence-twenty days in jail. I was only 19. My parents were Christians and I thought their life was boring. My life plan: have “lots of fun” now; worry about faith later. While I was in jail, people were praying for me. Two men from my dad’s church came to visit. One said, “You are one heartbeat away from eternity.” That night I felt each heartbeat as if it would be my last. I had no peace until I accepted Jesus’ forgiveness. Now with every heartbeat I seek to serve god.” ~ Sherwin*
- Point to God’s presence and power
- Create the before and after pictures
 - From loneliness to belonging and connection
 - From anxiety to rest
 - From addiction to freedom
 - From hatred to love
 - From guilt to peace
- Let joy be evident
- Communicate with humility
- Pray for the Spirit’s movement after the talk