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# Creating a Personal CV



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## **Creating a Personal CV/Resume or Shaping My Testimony/Witness**

Creating a personal CV or resume of faith, similar to shaping a testimony or witness, helps us share the salvation message by connecting with others through the powerful moments where we experienced God in our lives. Just as a professional CV highlights skills and achievements, a spiritual CV draws out experiences of God's mercy, faithfulness, and grace—times when His presence brought transformation, hope, or healing.

These impact moments can be natural bridges, connecting opportunities with experiences, to tell others about the life-changing power of Jesus. As Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 3:3, *"You are a letter from Christ...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God,"* emphasizing that our lives are testimonies that speak of His work. When we share these experiences, we echo Psalm 71:15: *"My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,"* offering a genuine invitation for others to encounter God's love and salvation for themselves.

## Testimony Builds Trust and Faith in God

The objective of a testimony in the Bible is to build faith in God, helping others to see His power, goodness, and faithfulness. Here are several key verses and their explanations that support this purpose:

1. **Psalm 66:16** – *Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.*”
  - This verse invites others to hear of God’s mighty deeds, using personal testimony to reveal His faithfulness. When we share what God has done in our lives, it encourages others to trust Him and builds their faith by showing His power at work.
2. **John 4:39** – *Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, He told me everything I ever did.*”
  - The Samaritan woman’s testimony about Jesus led many in her town to believe in Him. This shows how personal stories of God’s intervention can inspire faith in others and open hearts to the gospel.
3. **Revelation 12:11** – *They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.*”
  - This verse emphasizes the power of testimony as a tool in spiritual victory. The believers’ testimonies of Jesus’ redemptive work help others to see the strength and hope that faith in God provides, especially in adversity.
4. **Psalm 22:22** – *I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly, I will praise you.*”
  - Declaring God’s works in a public setting not only honors God but builds the faith of those who hear. Testifying in community reinforces trust in God, showing that He is active and faithful in the lives of His people.
5. **1 John 1:3** – *We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.*”
  - The apostle John explains that sharing testimony is meant to bring others into fellowship with God. Hearing what others have experienced with God builds faith, drawing listeners into a shared faith community.

## Developing a Testimony/Witness

The Biblical concept of testimony centers on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, an event that stands as the cornerstone of Christian faith and hope. This testimony isn't just a personal account but **a declaration of a historical event** that transformed lives and launched the early Messianic congregations and eventually the Church. The apostles emphasized the **resurrection** in their preaching, affirming it as proof of Jesus' divinity and victory over death. Acts 4:33 says, "*With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.*" This **testimony** is foundational because, as Paul explains in 1 Corinthians 15:14, "*If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.*" The resurrection attests to God's power to conquer sin and death, offering eternal life to all who believe (John 11:25). As believers, our testimony mirrors this early witness, proclaiming that Jesus is risen and alive, bringing hope and salvation to a broken world.

### Let's Define the Terms

Here's a breakdown and comparison of **CV**, **resume**, **testimony**, and **witness**. While they may overlap in purpose as forms of self-presentation, they each have unique distinctions in **scope, format, and intent**.

## 1. CV (Curriculum Vitae)

- **Definition:** A detailed document that provides a **comprehensive overview** of one's professional, educational, and academic history, typically used in academic or research-oriented fields.
- **Key Elements:** Includes education, work experience, publications, presentations, honors, certifications, and sometimes personal interests.
- **Length:** Often multiple pages due to the level of detail.
- **Purpose:** To showcase all qualifications and achievements for academic or career advancement.

**Comparison:**

- Unlike a resume, a **CV is more comprehensive narrative** and doesn't prioritize brevity.
- It is generally used in academia or professions requiring **detailed** professional histories.

**2. Resume:**

- **Definition:** A **concise document** summarizing one's qualifications, skills, and experience, used primarily in business or job applications.
- **Key Elements:** Includes work experience, education, relevant skills, and sometimes a short summary or objective.
- **Length:** Typically one page, focusing only on the **most relevant** information for the position.
- **Purpose:** To quickly demonstrate qualifications and fit for a specific job or industry.

**Comparison:**

- Resumes focus on key achievements relevant to a job, making them shorter and more targeted than CVs.
- In contrast to a testimony or witness, a resume is solely focused on career or professional experience, not personal beliefs or faith journey.

**3. Testimony**

- **Definition:** A personal account of how one has experienced God's work in their life, often shared as a means of inspiring others or witnessing faith.
- **Key Elements:** Typically includes **specific** life experience or struggle, encounter with God or turning point, and life impact and changes since.
- **Length:** Varies, but often **brief** enough to share verbally in a few minutes.

- **Purpose:** To offer a **personal witness of faith** in a way that encourages or inspires others to consider a relationship with Jesus.

#### Comparison:

- A testimony, unlike a CV or resume, is **focused on personal and spiritual experiences** rather than career or academic achievements.
- While a testimony involves personal history, it centers on spiritual transformation, not accomplishments or skills. Personal testimony can emphasize personal achievement rather than focus on God.

#### 4. Witness

- **Definition:** In a Christian context, "witness" refers to sharing one's faith or experiences with God, often as an outward act of faith aimed at helping others come to know Jesus.
- **Key Elements:** Includes **both** short verbal or written testimony and ongoing consistent behavior that reflects a life of faith in Jesus. It can include individual actions, words, or an overall lifestyle.
- **Length: Continuous,** as it encompasses one's life choices and **ongoing** actions as well as words.
- **Purpose:** To live in a way that visibly reflects one's relationship with God, acting as a testament to God's power and love.

#### Comparison:

- Witness is **broader** than a testimony—it is an **ongoing**, lived expression of faith, not confined to a single story or account.
- While a testimony is a specific story, witness involves **all of a believer's** life and actions as a reflection of faith.

## Summary of Differences:

- **Purpose:** CVs and resumes aim to document professional qualifications; testimonies and witness aim to convey spiritual experiences or the influence of faith.
- **Audience:** CVs and resumes are presented to potential employers or academic institutions, while testimonies and witness are shared with people in spiritual or relational contexts.
- **Content:** CVs and resumes highlight achievements and skills; testimonies and witness highlight transformation and faith.

All these can serve as tools to present one's background, although for different goals—career advancement (CV/resume) versus spiritual impact (testimony/witness). The idea of creating a “Spiritual CV” borrows the structural purpose of a CV or resume (showing growth over time) but applies it to the life story of one's faith journey, much like a testimony or witness.

## Impact Points: Content of our Spiritual CV, Resume, Testimony, or Witness

We develop our personal story in order to share with others where our Christian walk with Jesus has impacted our lives—for better or worse. Often these **Impact Points** are pain points or moments of true joy. We all have them throughout our lives, using these Impact Points as an evangelism tool can truly help another person find their way to Jesus and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

**1 Peter 3:15** – *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.*”



## Faith Journey, Life Transition, Spiritual Milestone Impact Points

### Personal Impact Points of My Faith Journey

<b>Year/ Phase of Life</b>	<b>Event or Impact Point</b>	<b>Pain Point or Joy</b>	<b>Personal Growth or Revelation</b>	<b>Scripture/P rayer Focus</b>	<b>Witnessing Potential</b>
<b>Start of Journey</b>	Accepted Christ	Joy	Felt new purpose and love	John 3:16	Can share the joy of discovering God's love
<b>Life Transition</b>	Loss of a loved one	Pain	Learned dependence on God	Psalms 34:18	Empathy with those grieving, example of God's comfort
<b>Spiritual Milestone</b>	Adult Baptism	Joy	Publicly declared faith	Romans 6:4	Encourage others to publicly express their faith
<b>Challenge of Faith</b>	Personal failure	Pain	Experienced God's forgiveness	1 John 1:9	Share the power of forgiveness and grace
<b>Renewal Point</b>	Becoming a new member at church	Joy	New community and growth	Hebrews 10:24-25	Invite others into community and fellowship
<b>Recent Event</b>	Spiritual retreat	Joy	Received Holy Spirit guidance	Galatians 5:25	Model the impact of time spent seeking God's voice

### How to Use This Template:

1. **Identify Key Events:** Reflect on meaningful moments in your life when God's presence felt especially impactful.
2. **Categorize as Pain or Joy:** This helps you acknowledge the fullness of your experience with Christ.
3. **Document Growth and Revelations:** Write down what you learned or how you were transformed.
4. **Select Scripture and Prayer Focuses:** Include verses or prayers that spoke to you during these times.
5. **Use for Witnessing Opportunities:** This spiritual timeline can serve as a foundation for sharing your faith with others, demonstrating God's work in your life authentically.

## Finance, Emotion, and Relationship Impact Points

Area of Impact	Event/ Impact Point	Challenge or Joy	Lesson or Revelation	Scripture Focus	Evangelistic Impact
<b>Financial</b>	Job loss	Challenge	Learned reliance on God's provision	Phil. 4:19	Share how God provides in times of financial need
<b>Financial</b>	Unexpected blessing	Joy	Recognized God's blessings in abundance	Malachi 3:10	Encourage generosity and trust in God's provision
<b>Emotional</b>	Overcoming anxiety	Challenge	Experienced God's peace beyond understanding	Phil. 4:6-7	Testify to the peace found in God amid life's pressures
<b>Emotional</b>	Healing from a past hurt	Joy	Felt God's comfort and restoration	Psalms 147:3	Offer hope to others struggling with emotional pain
<b>Relational</b>	Reconciled with family	Joy	Saw God's power in restoring relationships	Ephesians 4:32	Demonstrate God's grace and forgiveness in restoring bonds
<b>Relational</b>	Friendship betrayal	Challenge	Learned about forgiveness and boundaries	Matthew 5:44	Show how God enables us to forgive and love despite hurt
<b>Financial</b>	Learning to tithe	Joy	Found joy and peace in faithful giving	2 Cor. 9:7	Encourage others to experience the joy of giving
<b>Emotional</b>	Feeling isolated	Challenge	Discovered God's presence even in loneliness	Psalms 23:4	Speak of God's companionship and support to those alone
<b>Relational</b>	Marriage restoration	Joy	Witnessed God's healing in relationships	Col. 3:13-14	Share about God's power to heal and strengthen marriages

### **How to Use This Template for Evangelism:**

- 1. Identify Key Events in Each Area:** Pinpoint impactful financial, emotional, and relational moments.
- 2. Reflect on the Lesson or Revelation:** Think about what God taught you through each experience.
- 3. Pair with Scripture:** Attach a verse that resonated with you in that situation, emphasizing God's promises and faithfulness.
- 4. Turn into an Evangelistic Story:** Use each point as a way to share how God's presence transformed the outcome, offering others hope and perspective for similar struggles.

## Develop a Color Coded Personal Visual Timeline

Consider creating a timeline chart with three distinct sections: *Financial*, *Emotional*, and *Relational*. Use different colors or icons for challenges and joys, so you can visually highlight the peaks and valleys of your journey and God's role in each.

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Here's an example of a visual timeline with key dates and years, designed to showcase financial, emotional, and relational "Impact Points" along with their highs and lows. Each point is color-coded and includes a brief note, so it can serve as an easy-to-follow testimony.

### Example Visual Timeline of Impact Points for a Specific Time Period






#### Timeline Key

-  **Financial**
-  **Emotional**
-  **Relational**

## 2015 - 2019: Initial Faith Journey & Challenges

Year	Impact Point	Type	Note	Scripture
2015	Decided to follow Christ	 Joy	Found a new purpose in life	2 Corinthians 5:17
2016	Lost job unexpectedly	 Challenge	Experienced deep financial strain	Philippians 4:19
2017	Battled with anxiety	 Challenge	Learned to trust God through intense anxiety	Philippians 4:6-7
2018	Unexpected financial blessing	 Joy	Received a windfall, renewing faith in provision	Malachi 3:10
2019	Restored broken friendship	 Joy	Witnessed reconciliation and God's healing	Ephesians 4:32

## 2020 - 2024: Maturing in Faith & Experiencing Breakthroughs

Year	Impact Point	Type	Note	Scripture
2020	Faced betrayal by a close friend	 Challenge	Practiced forgiveness and boundaries	Matthew 5:44
2021	Started tithing faithfully	 Joy	Found joy and peace in giving back	2 Corinthians 9:7
2022	Struggled with loneliness	 Challenge	Experienced God's comfort in isolation	Psalms 23:4
2023	Marriage faced challenges, but found restoration	 Joy	Witnessed God's grace restoring love and unity	Colossians 3:13-14
2024	Attended spiritual retreat, renewed faith	 Joy	Gained direction through Holy Spirit's guidance	Galatians 5:25

## Visual Layout Example

2015 —● Job Loss —● Anxiety —●  
 Friendship Restoration — 2020 —● Tithing  
 Begins —● Marriage Restored —● Spiritual  
 Retreat — 2024

In this visual, key moments are spread along the timeline in the order they occurred, with colors/icons representing their nature. A timeline like this could be adapted to any life story, allowing you to share faith highlights effectively.

Here's an example of a number-line-style timeline using key life "Impact Points" such as birth, school years, spiritual milestones, relationships, relocations, and other significant events. This format allows each event to be plotted at its respective point on the timeline, with short notes that highlight each one's impact.

## Life Impact Points Number Line Example

### Timeline Key

- Major Life Event (Birth, Marriage, Children)
- Faith Milestone (Spiritual Growth, Baptism)
- Relocation
- Loss (Death of Loved One)
- ◆ Career Change

### [1980 - Present]

1980                      1990                      2000                      2010                      2020  
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- 1985: Born
- 1990: First Day of School
- 1998: Trusted Jesus as Savior
- ◆ 2005: Graduated College, First Job
- 2008: Married
- 2010: First Child Born
- 2013: Loved one died
- 2015: Moved to a New City
- ◆ 2018: Job Change - Promotion
- 2020: Second Child Born
- 2022: Lost Parent
- 2023: Relocated  
for New Job



## Details of Each Impact Point

1. **1985 - Birth** (●): The beginning of life and family foundation.
2. **1990 - Started School** (●): First step in education.
3. **1998 - Accepted Jesus** (●): Life-changing spiritual commitment.
4. **2005 - Graduated College & First Job** (◇): Started a career, learning independence.
5. **2008 - Married** (●): Established family life.
6. **2010 - First Child Born** (●): New role as a parent, joy of a growing family.
7. **2013 - Lost Grandparent** (●): Deepened understanding of loss and legacy.
8. **2015 - Moved to New City** (●): New opportunities and challenges.
9. **2018 - Job Promotion** (◇): Recognition and new responsibilities.
10. **2020 - Second Child Born** (●): Family growth and added blessings.
11. **2022 - Lost Parent** (●): Significant life shift, deepened reliance on faith.
12. **2023 - Relocated for New Job** (●): Embracing change and God's guidance in transitions.

## How to Use this Number Line for Evangelism:

This format allows for easy storytelling around each impact point, helping people visually grasp how God's guidance has been a constant through both highs and lows. Each event can be paired with related scripture and shared as a testament to faithfulness and God's work through every phase of life.

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## Building a Personal Narrative

Here are points of clarification to help capture deeper reflections for each **Impact Point**. These prompts can assist in remembering details, key individuals, and the spiritual impact each moment had, along with suggested Bible verses for each section. This will add richness to your "Spiritual CV" and give you touch points for sharing these experiences with others.

### 1. Major Life Events (Birth, Marriage, Children)

#### Reflection Points:

- **What was going on in your life?** Reflect on the environment, life stage, and personal feelings.
- **What details do you remember?** Capture sensory memories, significant conversations, or specific feelings.
- **Who else was involved?** Family members, mentors, friends, or others who played a role.
- **What happened afterward?** Changes, new relationships, or growth as a result.
- **How did your faith impact this time?** Think about how your relationship with God influenced or was influenced by the experience.

**Narrative Example:** "I kind of know what you're going through. When I became a parent, everything in my life shifted—it was a beautiful but overwhelming season. Without Jesus, I don't know how I would have handled the pressure and responsibility. I remember praying for strength and patience every day, and God really carried me through. It reminded me that no matter what, He's always there to guide us in every new chapter."

**Supporting Verse:** *Isaiah 41:10*: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

- *Psalms 139:13-14*: "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."

- *Proverbs 3:5-6*: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."
- *Genesis 2:24*: "That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife."
- *Psalms 127:3*: "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him."

## 2. Faith Milestones (Conversion, Baptism, Renewed Commitment)

### Reflection Points:

- **What was going on in your life?** Consider any challenges, doubts, or spiritual hunger at the time.
- **What details do you remember?** Emotions felt, words spoken, or moments of conviction.
- **Who else was involved?** Mentors, family, church members, or friends who supported you.
- **What happened afterward?** Changes in behavior, outlook, or relationships.
- **How did your faith impact this time?** Describe how your relationship with God deepened or shifted.

**Narrative Example:** "I understand how you're feeling about seeking purpose. I went through a similar journey when I finally made the decision to trust Jesus with my life. I was trying to make sense of everything on my own, and it left me feeling empty. When I invited Jesus into my life, it was like I found peace and direction for the first time. It wasn't always easy, but knowing He was with me gave me strength I'd never had before."

**Supporting Verse:** *John 8:12*: "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

- *John 3:3*: "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."
- *Romans 10:9-10*: "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
- *Acts 2:38*: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins."

- *2 Corinthians 5:17*: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

### 3. Relocations and Career Changes

#### Reflection Points:

- **What was going on in your life?** Recall the reasons for moving or career shifts, and any uncertainties.
- **What details do you remember?** Include the location, people you met, and feelings about the transition.
- **Who else was involved?** Family, mentors, colleagues, or church members who helped with the transition.
- **What happened afterward?** Describe how you adapted, grew, or found new opportunities.
- **How did your faith impact this time?** Reflect on how God's guidance or provision became evident.

**Narrative Example:** "I get it—starting over somewhere new is tough. When I had to relocate, it felt like everything familiar was suddenly gone, and I didn't know if I could find my way. I was scared, but trusting that God had a purpose in it kept me going. Jesus reminded me that even though everything was changing, He wasn't going anywhere. Looking back, I can see that it was an opportunity for God to do something new in my life."

**Supporting Verse:** *Deuteronomy 31:8*: "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

- *Joshua 1:9*: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
- *Jeremiah 29:11*: "For I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
- *Psalms 37:23-24*: "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him."
- *Proverbs 16:9*: "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

## 4. Loss of Loved Ones (Grief and Comfort)

### Reflection Points:

- **What was going on in your life?** Recall the life stage and feelings when you lost your loved one.
- **What details do you remember?** Reflect on specific memories with the person, their legacy, and the emotional experience.
- **Who else was involved?** Friends, family, church members who offered support or shared in the grief.
- **What happened afterward?** Describe how you found comfort, grew closer to others, or experienced healing.
- **How did your faith impact this time?** Think about how God's comfort or presence became real to you.

**Narrative Example:** "I'm so sorry you're going through this. Losing someone is one of the hardest things we can face. I lost a close family member too, and the grief was overwhelming. Without Jesus, I don't think I could have made it through. Knowing He was with me, listening to my prayers, gave me comfort when nothing else could. His promise that we'll be reunited one day really brought me peace in the midst of the sadness."

**Supporting Verse:** *2 Corinthians 1:3-4:* "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."

- *Psalms 34:18:* "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
- *Matthew 5:4:* "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."
- *Revelation 21:4:* "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain."
- *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14:* "We do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death... we believe that Jesus died and rose again."

## Summary and Challenge

This exercise of mapping out life's "**Impact Points**" allows us to see how Jesus has been with us through every stage—our joys, trials, losses, and changes. These moments of clarity remind us of God's faithfulness and give us a story to share with others who may be facing similar experiences. By reflecting on how He guided us through each experience, we become equipped to offer hope to others who need to know they're not alone and that Jesus can make a difference in their lives, too.

## Challenge

Here's the challenge: Use this "Impact Points" approach the next time the Holy Spirit brings someone into your life who's in a position to hear the gospel. Reflect on the shared experience and offer your story, showing how Jesus helped you through. Pray for the opportunity to share genuinely, and remember that every detail of your journey can be a powerful example of His grace.

Ask yourself, *What part of my story might help them feel seen, understood, and encouraged?* Then, be bold in telling your story and trust the Holy Spirit to use your words to reveal Jesus.

**The Navigators' approach** to sharing the gospel emphasizes personal relationships, intentional discipleship, and practical tools for sharing faith naturally. They focus on building deep, trusting connections to create a foundation for evangelism and discipleship, ensuring that new believers are equipped to grow in faith and share it with others. Here's an outline of the Navigators' gospel-sharing approach, with key Bible verses to support each step:

### 1. Building Relationships

The first step is establishing authentic relationships. Navigators encourage being genuinely interested in others, learning about their lives, and finding common ground. This relational approach opens the door for spiritual conversations in a natural, respectful way.

- *1 Corinthians 9:22*: "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some."

### 2. Prayer and Dependence on God

Prayer is essential in the Navigators' approach, believing that God is the one who prepares hearts and draws people to Himself. The Navigators pray for specific people, asking for wisdom, openness, and the Holy Spirit's guidance to share the gospel at the right time and in the right way.

- *Colossians 4:3*: "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ."
- *John 6:44*: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them."

### 3. Sharing the Gospel Simply and Clearly

The Navigators stress sharing the gospel message in a clear, simple way so it can be understood by anyone. They often use Bible verses directly in conversations, like Romans 3:23 and 6:23, to explain humanity's need for salvation, the consequences of sin, and the gift of eternal life through Jesus.

- *Romans 3:23*: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
- *Romans 6:23*: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- *Ephesians 2:8-9*: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

#### 4. Encouraging a Personal Response

After sharing the gospel, Navigators encourage individuals to respond personally to Jesus. They ask thoughtful questions to help them reflect on what they've heard and guide them toward making a personal decision to trust in Jesus as their Savior.

- *John 1:12*: "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

#### 5. Discipling and Equipping for Growth

The Navigators' approach doesn't stop at conversion. They walk alongside new believers, helping them develop a deep understanding of scripture, prayer, and how to share their faith with others. They emphasize making disciples who can then disciple others, following Jesus' Great Commission.

- *Matthew 28:19-20*: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."
- *2 Timothy 2:2*: "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

#### 6. Multiplication Through Life-to-Life Discipleship

Navigators encourage a lifestyle of sharing the gospel and discipling others. By living out the faith with integrity and consistency, believers model Christ's love in everyday life, inviting others into the same journey and fostering multiplication in the faith community.

- *1 Thessalonians 2:8*: "Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."

**This approach emphasizes that sharing the gospel is more than just a message—it's a lifelong commitment to nurturing and multiplying faith in others through love, prayer, and practical discipleship.**



## A Scripture Summary: Roman Road

When someone decides to make Jesus the Lord of their life, it involves a profound commitment that comes with certain expectations. Using the Roman Road scriptures as a basis, you can present a clear pathway that outlines both the process of salvation and the implications of that decision. Here's how you can structure your presentation:

### 1. Understanding Salvation through the Roman Road

The Roman Road is a series of scriptures from the Book of Romans that outline the process of salvation and the necessary steps for making Jesus Lord. Here are the key verses:

- **Romans 3:23:** “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
  - **Expectation:** Acknowledge your sinfulness and need for salvation. Understanding that everyone has sinned is the first step toward recognizing the need for a Savior.
- **Romans 6:23:** “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
  - **Expectation:** Recognize the consequences of sin, but also understand the grace offered through Jesus. This emphasizes the importance of accepting God's gift of eternal life.
- **Romans 5:8:** “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
  - **Expectation:** Understand God's love and grace. Jesus' sacrifice is the foundation of faith, showing that even in our brokenness, God loves us and desires a relationship with us.
- **Romans 10:9-10:** “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the

dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

- **Expectation:** Confession and belief are essential. Making Jesus Lord means declaring Him as such publicly and genuinely believing in His resurrection.
- **Romans 10:13:** “For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
  - **Expectation:** Anyone can be saved. Emphasize that making Jesus Lord is available to everyone, and it involves calling out to Him for salvation.

## 2. Expectations After Making Jesus Lord

Once someone makes the decision to follow Christ, there are important expectations to consider:

- **Discipleship:**
  - **Expectation:** Engage in a lifelong journey of holiness and following Jesus, learning from Him, and growing in holiness and faith. This can involve regular prayer, Bible study, fellowship with other believers, worship with a church, holy communion, baptism and fasting.
- **Transformation:**
  - **Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17:** “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
  - **Expectation:** Expect personal transformation. Making Jesus Lord should result in changes in behavior, thoughts, and desires as one becomes more like Christ.
- **Obedience:**
  - **Scripture: John 14:15:** “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

- **Expectation:** Obedience to God’s commands is an expression of love and commitment. It reflects a desire for holiness and to honor Jesus as Lord.
- **Witnessing:**
  - **Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20** (The Great Commission): “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”
  - **Expectation:** Share your testimony of your faith with others. As followers of Christ, there is an expectation to spread the message of salvation and make disciples.
- **Community:**
  - **Scripture: Hebrews 10:24-25:** “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another...”
  - **Expectation:** Be part of a community of believers and a church. Regularly meeting with other Christians for encouragement and support is vital for spiritual growth.

### 3. Conclusion

- **Invitation:** Wrap up by inviting those who feel called to make Jesus Lord of their lives to take that step. Encourage them to seek help and support from the church or Christian community as they begin their journey.
- **Prayer:** Close with a prayer for those considering this commitment, asking for guidance and strength in their decision.

This framework provides a clear and relatable way to communicate the process of making Jesus Lord of one’s life, using the Roman Road scriptures as a foundational guide. It emphasizes the importance of recognizing the need for salvation, accepting God’s grace, and understanding the expectations that follow a commitment to Christ.

