

# How to Write and Share Your Calling Story

## WHY SHARE YOUR CALLING STORY?

Your story matters. It is a reflection of how God has been at work in your life, shaping you, calling you, and sending you to participate in his mission. Naming your calling story is not just a tool for leadership — it is a formational practice that can lead to clarity, gratitude, and deeper surrender.



Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story. *Psalm 107:2 NIV*

In GCI, we believe every disciple is a participant in the ministry of Christ. Whether you serve as a pastor, team member, or volunteer, your story can bear witness to God's presence and inspire others to discern their own calling.

## WHAT IS A CALLING STORY?

Your calling story is a reflection on how God has invited you to follow him in a particular way. It connects your gifts, experiences, and desires to God's mission. It is not just about one moment. It is about your growing awareness of how God has been shaping you over time.

You may not have dramatic moments or mountaintop experiences. Most calling stories are ordinary and deeply personal. They are meaningful because they are honest.



## A SIMPLE FRAMEWORK FOR REFLECTION

Use these questions to guide your prayer and journaling:

### 1. How has God met you in your story?

Think back on your life.

- When did you begin to sense God's presence or voice?
- What were moments of struggle, growth, or redirection?
- Who has affirmed or recognized your gifts?

### 2. What desires and burdens has God placed on your heart?

- What brings you life in ministry or service?
- What needs or people groups do you feel drawn to?
- When do you feel most aligned with the Spirit's work?

### 3. Where do you sense God leading you now?

- How is God inviting you to grow or risk something new?
- What does obedience look like in your current season?
- What brings both joy and holy responsibility?

Pray with Romans 12:1–2 NIV as you reflect:

**Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice ... be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is.**

## WRITING YOUR STORY

Keep it real, not rehearsed. Aim for one to three short paragraphs.

- Be specific, but not overly detailed.
- Share your heart more than your résumé.
- Stay focused on the spiritual journey, not just ministry roles.

Try this flow:



**Past:** What was your life or mindset like before sensing your call?



**Present:** How has God affirmed or clarified this calling?



**Future:** Where is God leading you next, and how are you responding?

Include a scripture if it has been meaningful to you. Keep it conversational and rooted in grace.

## SHARING YOUR STORY (AND INVITING THEIRS)

Your story is not only a testimony to God's work in your life — it is also a bridge. When you share your calling story with openness and humility, it invites others to reflect on their own journey with God.

In conversations, small groups, or team settings, your story can help others feel seen, encouraged, and curious about what God might be doing in their lives too.

Try this rhythm:

- Share your story briefly, then ask, **“What has your journey with God looked like lately?”**
- In team or mentoring settings, ask, **“What moments in your life have felt like a calling or invitation from God?”**
- In a small group, create space and time for multiple people to share, starting with a leader to set the tone.

Having your story ready, whether in a short version or fuller form, is a powerful way to connect with others. You can use it:

- In conversations with new guests or seekers
- In mentoring and leadership development
- As part of sharing a testimony or sermon
- To reflect on God's continued call in your life



**We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too.** *1 Thessalonians 2:8 NLT*

Sharing becomes an act of hospitality when we invite others to do the same. Your calling story can be more than a statement — it can be a starting point for shared discernment, encouragement, and formation.

### THE ESSENTIALS

Your calling story is a living testimony of God's ongoing work in your life. Writing it can renew your sense of purpose. Sharing it can draw others into deeper reflection and trust in God's calling for them too.

- Listen to your story through the Spirit's lens.
- Reflect prayerfully and write with simplicity.
- Share with boldness and humility.