**GUIDE FOR WRITING YOUR TESTIMONY OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST**

**Why Write a Testimony?**

 To some, writing a brief testimony of faith is very easy, while to others it may seem like a daunting task. Why do we ask those seeking membership at Grace Fellowship to write out their testimony of faith in Christ? The primary reason is that becoming a member of a church is publicly professing that you have put your trust in Jesus and want to live your life for Him. By receiving you as a member, the elders of the church are relying on both your testimony and your life as a credible profession of your faith. Also, writing your testimony will: encourage other believers who read about God’s work in your life, better prepare you for evangelism, and help the congregation get to know you. We feel these are good reasons for writing out a short, personal testimony.

**Different Testimonies, Yet One Focus**

 There is no strict formula to follow as you write your testimony. In His grace, God acts in a variety of ways to bring sinners with different backgrounds, personalities, and gifts to faith in Christ. For example, even though Peter and Paul believed the same gospel, the testimony of Peter, an uneducated fisherman who spent three years traveling with Jesus, was much different than that of Paul, an educated Pharisee and persecutor of the Church. Similarly, your testimony will have its own unique features and expression. Yet, though testimonies may differ in their details and how they are told, all Christian testimonies should have one thing in common: to glorify Jesus by describing and rejoicing in who He is and what He has done in your life to bring you to faith in Him. As you write, make Jesus the hero of your testimony and marvel at the grace and mercy of God in your life!

**Some Helps as You Write**

 The following questions may help you as you think through what you believe about Jesus and how He brought you to trust in Him. These questions are not meant to be a rigid guide that you must follow, but we hope they will begin to stimulate your reflections:

• What do you believe about Jesus? Who is He?

• When did you first learn about God and Jesus?

• How did God lead you to believe that Jesus was real?

• When did you realize that you were a sinner and would be judged?

• What led you to believe that you needed Jesus?

• What Bible verses or passages did God use to show you your sin and need? What

 verses or passages did He use to show you that Jesus was your Savior?

• Who did God use in your life to lead you to faith in Christ?

• What was the Holy Spirit’s role in your coming to faith?