

Someone Needs Your Story; Are You Willing to Share It?

"C'mon, tell them your story," my friend nudged me.

I smiled, but my heart said *no*.

How could I share my story with these two teenagers who showed up to collect for a camping trip? They had knocked at the door, hoping to get some money and be on their way.

But my friend, who hosted me in her house, insisted. "Come in. Have a seat," she said to them, "wait till you hear this story."

I squirmed. This audience of two was not eager to sit through the details of my transition from sighted to blind.

I grinned with an apologetic smile. But, having no choice, I began to relate my journey including God's redeeming love and spiritual healing.

"She's crying," my friend whispered to me when I finished.

For obvious reasons, I had no idea the young girl had only one eye. They stayed and stayed telling us their own story, the trauma they endured brought tears to our eyes.

"God brought us to this house for a reason," they said. "We know He's real."

That night, they found hope.

And I found a hint of the power of God when we put aside our resistance to tell what He has done.

And He has done something for all of us, big or small, powerful or light. We all have a detail that shines of His goodness. We all have crossed from some valley to a

mountaintop. And because He took us through that journey, He says tell it. Don't hide it. Show it because "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a basket, but on a candlestick. And it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:14-16).

Opportunities to show His light surround us. They whisper to us. And call us to still believe, still be bold and still know He goes before us in moments trivial to us but mighty for Him.

From now on, rather than hesitate, these words will echo in me: "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with Me to give to each one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last" (Rev. 22:12-13).

Let's Pray

Father, remove from me any hesitation to share what You have done for me. Open more doors to tell of Your faithfulness and Your goodness at work. In Jesus' name, amen.

What part of your story does God want you to share? {eoa}

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