

How To Write Your God Sighting

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The focus of a God Sighting is to describe how Jesus helped you with a particular problem or need in your life. As you write your God Sighting, follow this simple outline to prepare your story. Briefly explain:

1. My Life Seemed Normal Until . . .

Explain the occurrence(s) in your life where you were discouraged or challenged by a great burden. It can be something like a past addition to drugs, alcohol, or pornography. It can also be an event like the death of a friend or family member, an illness, depression, or maybe the divorce of your parents. It does not have to be anything catastrophic or impressive, just an important event to you. To be honest, this is not the time to be self-righteous. It is, rather, a time to be vulnerable and transparent.

2. I Discovered Hope and Help in Jesus When . . .

As you recall the past occurrence in your life, explain in detail how God intervened. Use phrases that express emotions and feelings. Also recall Scripture verses and biblical stories that were helpful in meeting your needs.

3. I Am Glad I Have a Personal Relationship with Jesus Today Because . . .

This is when you brag on Jesus! Explain how your life has changed for the better. However, be careful not to over exaggerate or to come off as if you have obtained perfection. The purpose of a God Sighting is to help you remember how God came through for you and to use those experiences to identify with unbelievers and create bridges to the gospel.

4. May I Share How Something like This Can Happen to You?

The point of this question is to remain intentional about building bridges in order to share Christ. Unless the other person is unresponsive, depending on the leadership of the Holy Spirit, one should always be inviting unbelievers to follow Christ.