



# PREPARE WEEK EXERCISE

## CHOOSE JESUS

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### SPEAKER

### THE HERO OF MY STORY

Who is the hero of your faith story? For many of us, our faith story serves as a way of sharing some of the most important details in our lives that led to choosing to follow Jesus. If we are not careful, though, we can share too much about our own actions and not enough about Christ's. It is helpful to think of Jesus as the hero and main focus of our story, so that the Gospel is clearly presented when we share how it all happened. Romans chapter 5 verse 8 and Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8 tell us that salvation was started and finished by Christ, and our part in that is simply to receive or reject.

Romans chapter 5 verse 8 says, "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Ephesians chapter 2 verse 8 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

This doesn't mean that you are no longer in your story; it just means that Jesus is the focus! In order to show Jesus as the hero, describe in detail what God has done and limit describing your own actions to ways in which you responded to His work. This will help your listeners to understand that they too are invited by God to follow Him, and that they can respond to that invitation any time.

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4. God created all people and loves them dearly. He knows that they are broken and cannot fix themselves. That's why He sent Jesus. This is what Jesus did for me, so that I would not be separated from God:
5. When I understood all of this for the first time, I realized that I needed Jesus to redeem me. Not only that, but Jesus also invited me to know Him and to follow Him. The story of how I accepted God's offer of salvation went like this:
6. If you could see my life from my view today, you'd see two very different people, especially compared to what I was like before and after I started following Jesus. Here are some of the biggest things He has done in my life since He redeemed me:

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