# Only when your story is shared can its potential power be released!

Matthew 7:14 ESV

For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:11&14 NLT

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing...

...Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.

#### 1 Timothy 1:12-17 NLT

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners.

Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.

All honor and glory to God forever and ever!

He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen.

### Sharing my story empowers me to...

Become resilient

Remember the lessons

Remain <u>humble</u>

## Sharing my story empowers others to...

Realize they aren't alone

Feel <u>hope</u>

See <u>Jesus</u>