

## **Guidelines To Submit A Story For Consideration**

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### **REVIEW THE DETAILS REQUESTED VERY CAREFULLY BEFORE SENDING YOUR STORY PACKET TO US.**

Attached are forms requesting information that will help us become familiar with your story. This will enable the Radio Committee to make an evaluation regarding the *potential* use of your story on “UNSHACKLED!”

#### **PLEASE SEND TO US:**

**Photograph**—A picture is worth a thousand words and a photo of you (and your family, if applicable) is necessary to complete your file.

**Written Testimony**—Your written testimony must be detailed. We need to know where, who, when, why, how, your age at each point, etc. We also need to be aware of speech patterns and accents. We prefer a typed testimony; however, if it is handwritten, it must be legible. In order to write a script, we must have seven to fifteen pages of information from you. We will likely follow up your first submission with additional questions to enable us to gain further and deeper insight.

*Note: Absolutely no video tapes will be accepted!!* Testimonies on cassettes or in books can be accepted with **permission only**. Cassettes require significant amounts time to transcribe which increases our production costs. If you are unable to write your story, perhaps someone else will transcribe it from your tape. Let us know if you are having problems in this area.

Prepare a normal progression of your life story. Begin with birth through middle school, including events in your home, school, community, etc. Then continue through high school and college years. Each period should include incidents, patterns set in your life, conversations with friends, dates, etc. Tell of spiritual encounters in your life prior to salvation and at the time of conversion. Include scriptures you heard and from whom. Also tell us names, ages, speech information of people in your story. Also include significant places, your thoughts and reactions, in important situations etc. Times and events are very important. Without Christ everyone’s life is on the wrong track. How was yours wrong? Why was it wrong?

Tell about your conversion, ***exactly as it happened***. Tell where you were, the scripture presented, what you prayed, how you felt, who was present, give names and conversation. What has God done in your life since salvation? Explain if there were steps involved in getting victory in certain areas of your life. What has He enabled you to do or become? Is there anything you can share to encourage a listener in coping with similar life difficulties?

**Voice Tape**—(Write your name on the cassette label **CLEARLY** please!) A cassette tape of your voice allows our director to more effectively select the cast for the production. We suggest a simple greeting of your choice. If you are married, please have your spouse do the same. Review your recording to be certain your voice can be heard loud and clear. ***This step can be completed after story is approved.***

1. State your full name.
2. Give current address & phone number.
3. State your date of birth.
4. Where were you born?
5. Where did you grow up?
6. Read your favorite scripture passage.

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**Personal Information for Testimony Consideration**

Full Name

Would you like us to use your real name?:  Yes  No

Phone  Race (for casting)

Date of Birth  Place of Birth

Accent/Dialect  Speech Distinctions

Have you previously submitted your story to “UNSHACKLED!”?  Yes  No

If so, when?  Under what name?

Father's Name  Race/Ethnicity

Accent/Dialect  Speech Distinctions

How did you typically address your father? (Dad, Daddy, Pa, etc.)

Mother's Name  Race/Ethnicity

Accent/Dialect  Speech Distinctions

How did you typically address your mother? (Mom, Momma, Ma, etc.)

List your spouse's name, children's names, as well as your sibling's names. Write the names of siblings and children in order of their birth, oldest to youngest. If any are to be included in your testimony (even if now deceased), give accent, dialect and other speech information. Also tell us who was/is saved and who wasn't/isn't. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

***Personal Information for Testimony Consideration, Continued...***

CONTACT INFORMATION :Name, address, city, state, zip:

Home

Work Phone

Fax Number

Email

Website

**CHURCH INFORMATION :**

Name of Church

Member? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Denomination

Church Phone

How often do you attend church?

How do you serve in your church?

Are you involved in a Bible study or other small group?

Your date of salvation

Do you have a regular quiet time with the Lord? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**PERSONAL INFORMATION :**

Marital Status: \_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Single \_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_ Widowed

Have you been divorced? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, for how long?

If you have been divorced or are separated, please explain.

Do you smoke?

Drink alcohol?

Live a Godly life?

Signature

Date

## Reference Page

**References**—Each individual whose testimony we dramatize must be living in close fellowship with Jesus Christ, according to the teachings and commands of the Bible. For that reason, we must pursue references from those who can attest to your spiritual consistency. Please cite persons for references who are not related to you in any way. If you are a pastor, your references need to be deacons, elders, or the Chairman of your church board.

Below are the names of those who know me well. One is my pastor. Two of them are from persons who help hold me spiritually accountable, or they are at least aware of my spiritual life. The last reference is from my current or former employer or supervisor.

Name, Address:

Relationship

Home Phone

Work Phone

Email

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## *Testimony/Spiritual Life Information*

Provide a couple sentences summarizing how you were brought to having faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.

Briefly describe what prompted you to live for the Lord?

Provide a couple of your favorite Scripture verses and why they are special to you.

Tell us a little bit about your relationship with God. What are your current struggles and your deepest joys?