

STEPS

Part 4

Sharing Your Story

Pastor Ken finished the series *Steps* inspired by John Ortberg's book. We are looked at how Jesus helps people get unstuck. We hope that you met with someone at work, your family, or found a place to do it alone or with a friend and grew together during this series.

"He comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us."

2 Corinthians 1:4

1. God wants to use your story to help others to overcome by turning your scars into stars, your pain into purpose, and your mess into ministry. Bring all your stuff to God and He will make it useful. My life was once like this, and now it is like this. Transformation is not just about you it is bigger than that.
2. Jesus takes our madness and turns it into ministry (read Mark 5:1-20). After a major change takes place in his life, Jesus tells the person in the story to share the good news of his transformation with his family and others in his life. Nothing is ever wasted. What God has helped you to overcome, you can now help others to overcome.
3. Jesus turns our despair into hope (read 1 Peter 3:15). When you share your story, you never know how God will use it to give someone else hope. When they hear what God has done in your life hope will begin to rise in their heart, and they will think if God can do it for you, He can do it for me. Get to work early so you can pray for your coworkers. Intentionally eat lunch with them and learn their story. Learn how to share the gospel briefly. Be the first person to welcome new employees and visit coworkers in the hospital are a few of the ways to be ready to share your story with others.
4. Jesus turns our wounds into wisdom. When you share how you were able to overcome it may give someone the wisdom they need to overcome (Read Proverbs 27:17). There is power in purpose, especially since the next generation needs to hear your story (read Psalm 71:18 and 1 Peter 2:9-10). What is your story? This week, pray that God opens the door and gives you the opportunity to share your story with others.

Close in prayer