

ABC TESTIMONY

Seeing and Sharing God's Love in Your Story

All About Jesus · Brief · Current

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Session Two — The Deepening

Two to three weeks later · Training Guide Sections 4, 5, and 6

Time	What is happening · Training Guide section
0:00 – 0:20	The Testimonies · Open with sharing from the past weeks
0:20 – 0:35	Section 4 — Shaping the ABC · Everyday language, pathways deeper, B and C
0:35 – 0:45	Section 5 — Sharing the Testimony · Posture, with believers, with anyone
0:45 – 1:00	Section 6 — Practice · Stuck places, worked example, ongoing rhythm

The Testimonies · 0:00 – 0:20

**“Who has one? Let’s start.
Thirty seconds — go.”**

No preamble. No re-teaching. The room is already doing the thing.

After each testimony

Name what you heard about God’s character. One sentence. Then move to the next person.

If someone says they have nothing

Ask: tell me one thing that happened this week. Usually something is there.

Large group

Pair share for 10 minutes, then bring two or three to the full room.

Section 4 — Shaping the ABC

The A — The Name

The Name is the ABC. The moral of the story. State who God proved Himself to be in plain language any listener can receive.

You do not need theological vocabulary. The formation language (the Hebrew name) is for your own prayer life. The proclamation language is for anyone.

El Roi → He saw me in a moment when I felt completely invisible.

Yahweh Jireh → He showed up at the moment I had nothing left.

Same God. Same truth. Translated.

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The B and C

B — Brief: write in full, then read aloud and time it.

60 words = 30 seconds.

120 words = 1 minute.

240 words = 2 minutes.

Cut everything that is not the need, the move, and the Name.

C — Current: use language that signals nowness. This week. Right now. In this season. Last Tuesday. The C is what makes the testimony feel alive rather than historical.

The Name in Everyday Language

Formation language is for your prayer life. Proclamation language is for any listener. Same truth, translated.

Instead of saying...

Say this to any listener...

Yahweh Jireh

He showed up at the exact moment I had nothing left. He's the kind of God who provides when you've run out of options.

Yahweh Shalom

He brought a peace that made no sense given the situation. It wasn't that things got easier — the peace arrived before anything changed.

EI Roi

He saw me in a moment when I felt completely invisible to everyone around me. He knew exactly what was happening.

Yahweh Rapha

God brought healing into something I thought was permanently broken. He restores things all the way through.

Names of God

Formation language and everyday proclamation language for the A

Names of God — Part 1

His Name	Meaning	How to say it to anyone
Yahweh Jireh	<i>The LORD provides</i>	<i>He showed up at the exact moment I had nothing left. He's the kind of God who provides when you've run out of options.</i>
Yahweh Rapha	<i>The LORD heals</i>	<i>God brought healing into something I thought was permanently broken. He restores things all the way through.</i>
Yahweh Shalom	<i>The LORD is peace</i>	<i>He brought a peace that made no sense given the situation. It wasn't that things got easier — the peace arrived before anything changed.</i>
EI Roi	<i>The God who sees</i>	<i>God saw me in a moment when I felt completely invisible. He knew exactly what was happening.</i>
EI Shaddai	<i>God Almighty, all-sufficient</i>	<i>I was facing something completely out of my control and God was more than enough for it.</i>

Names of God — Part 2

His Name	Meaning	How to say it to anyone
Yahweh Nissi	<i>The LORD is my banner</i>	<i>God went ahead of me into a situation I could not win on my own. By the time I arrived, He had already been at work.</i>
Yahweh Shammah	<i>The LORD is there</i>	<i>God showed up in the last place I expected to find Him. He was already there before I realized I needed Him to be.</i>
Abba	<i>Father — intimate, trusted</i>	<i>God met me with such tenderness. It wasn't power — it was closeness. He cared about the specific thing that was breaking my heart.</i>
Immanuel	<i>God with us</i>	<i>God was with me in that. Not in a general sense — genuinely present, in the middle of it, with me the whole time.</i>
Yahweh Tsidkenu	<i>The LORD our righteousness</i>	<i>God gave me something I had no way of earning. The thing I needed most, the thing I couldn't make happen — He provided it.</i>

Character and Attributes of God

Faithful

He always keeps His word.

God came through exactly the way He said He would.

Merciful

He withholds what we deserve.

God met me in my worst moment with grace, not judgment.

Patient

Does not give up on what He started.

God has been patient with me in ways I don't deserve.

Generous

Gives beyond what is required.

God went beyond what I was even asking for.

Good

Everything He does is oriented toward good.

God is good — not just when things feel good.

Compassionate

Moved by human pain.

God didn't just fix the situation — He cared about how it felt.

Personal

Engaged with each individual by name.

God addressed me specifically, by name, in my exact situation.

Unchanging

Same yesterday, today, forever.

His character doesn't change based on what's happening in my life.

Section 5 — Sharing the Testimony

The most important thing to get right before you share is your motivation.

The Posture

This is an act of love toward the person in front of you — not a technique, not a conversation opener. You are genuinely offering them something: a glimpse of a God who is real, alive, and can be trusted.

The motivation is not “this might lead somewhere.” It is: I want you to know my God is real and can be trusted, because I love you.

With Other Believers

In community, testimony serves the whole room. The person carrying the same need hears your story and something shifts. Your testimony is not just your story — it is evidence for everyone who needs to know God moves in that territory.

This is how your class builds a living library.

With Anyone

Because the A is always in plain everyday language, it does not require the listener to share your vocabulary. It requires them to be human.

The curiosity it creates is not manufactured. It is the Spirit working in the listener in response to a genuine proclamation of God’s character.

Section 6 — The Stuck Places

Open the floor: what was hard? Where did you get stuck?

What they say

How to respond

I didn't think anything happened.

God moves in ordinary life. Ask: was there a moment of unexpected peace? A conversation that went differently? A fear that was quieter?

My story is too small.

Small and specific is exactly right. The smaller the story, the more specific the God.

I can't name what God did.

Work backward. What changed? What is different now? Name the difference, then ask what kind of God produces it.

I don't know how to name who God is.

Plain language. He is the kind of God who _____. Finish that sentence about the specific thing He did.

I shared mine but it felt flat.

Flat means the need was not named. Name the specific tension before God moved.

I have too many — which one?

The most current. The clearest Name. The one you can say in 30 seconds.

Your Ongoing Role

After the training, your role shifts from teacher to steward.

Hold the Space

Open every session with the expectation. Who has one? Do not let it become optional. The expectation is what sustains the practice when novelty fades.

Name the Name

After each testimony, say back what you heard about God's character. One sentence. This is the most important thing you do. It models the A and honours the teller.

Help the Stuck

Someone will say they have nothing. Walk them through it. Most of the time something is there and they just cannot see it yet.

Naming the Name — What to Listen For

Listen for what kind of God did what they just described. Then say it back.

What you hear

What you say back

God provided at the exact moment I had nothing left.

What I heard is that God is Yahweh Jireh — the God who provides at the moment of impossibility.

A prayer I'd prayed for years was suddenly answered.

What I heard is that God is patient and faithful. He was working across a timeline you couldn't see.

I felt peace in a situation where there was no reason for it.

What I heard is that God is Yahweh Shalom. He brought something real where there was no natural reason for it.

God used a mistake I made to reach someone.

What I heard is that God uses everything. No mistake is outside His reach.

God showed me I'd been believing something false.

What I heard is that He is the God who sets us free from lies. He replaced something false with something true.

What you are building is a room full of witnesses.

Week after week, testimony after testimony, your class accumulates specific, personal knowledge of who God is and what He does. When someone is in a valley, someone else in the room has already seen God move in that exact territory.

God is. · God did. · He will.