

MY STORY Submission Guide

Thank you for helping to fill our website with unique stories of salvation and life-change! While we expect your story to glorify God and encourage everyone who comes across it, we also know how important and encouraging it is to write out our own salvation story. Doing so has a way of clarifying in our minds/hearts what God has done to save us and helps us more confidently share our testimony with others we encounter on a daily basis!

Here are a few ways for you and the reader to get the most out of your story...

Your Bio – *Help connect a story with a name, a face and a little about your relationship to The Mill.*

- Full Name and Birthday
- A headshot or clear image of your face that you approve of, just you if possible.
- General info about family (married, kids, dog, etc.) and where you live.
- Feel free to add an interesting fact or two about school or work.
- How long you've been a part of The Mill.
- Which Life Group you belong to, Bible Study you attend, and/or where you serve.

Your Story – *Help people see how we all have the same need, but how God meets us where we are!*

- *Length:* No more than one page.
- *Content:* Ask two questions... 1) "Could an unbeliever read this and identify the main elements of salvation, namely... sin, forgiveness, trusting Jesus, and hope of eternal life?" And 2) "Is it personal but God-centered?" Your story is... "your" story so it should include personal details of your life and conversion experience, all while pointing the reader to your wonderful and gracious Savior in your own words. Adding Scripture is a good way to help answer both of these.
- *Suggested Outline:* A helpful basic outline could look like this: Paragraph 1 could describe what life was like generally before seeing your need for Jesus, God's forgiveness, etc. Paragraph 2 could explain the people God used or the circumstances (the... who, how, where, when) of your conversion. And paragraph 3 could be all about what life is like as a Jesus follower/Christian/child of God. How do think and act different, how have your desires changed, etc.
- See the stories that have already been posted on the "Stories" tab on the church's website for some helpful examples. But don't be afraid to make it your own!

*"As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."
Acts 4:20*