***“For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay.”***

 **-The Apostle Paul**

 ***“In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” -*The Apostle Peter**

**God is on a mission to redeem and restore the creation. His plan is to do that through his chosen people, including you and me. Someday, if you could read the story of God’s mission, your life is one of the pages. What would your page say? How has God’s mission impacted your life? How have you joined in God’s mission throughout your life? Spend time praying, reflecting, and creating your story and then find somebody to share it with.**

**Below are some prompts that might help you as you think about your page in God’s mission.**

* **How would you describe your life prior to your relationship with Jesus Christ as your Savior?**
* **What word would best describe your relationship with God during this time in your life?**
* **How did God move in your life to warm you up to the Gospel?**
* **What events in your life caused you to come to faith in Jesus Christ?**
* **When and how did you become a Christian?**
* **Describe the most influential people and practices that have influenced your spiritual growth and relationship with God?**
* **What word would best describe the part of your life since you became a Christian?**
* **Who makes up your significant circle for friendship and encouragement and how have they impacted your faith journey?**
* **What are your spiritual gifts and how have you used them in church or for God’s Kingdom?**
* **Who are the spiritual heroes that you look up to and how have they affected you?**
* **Where do you experience a sense of accomplishment in your spiritual life or Christian walk?**
* **What roles have you played in a Christian community?**
* **Have you experienced a significant faith or life crisis that has shaped your faith or spirituality?**
* **How has your understanding of God, Jesus, the Spirit, or the Gospel changed over time?**
* **How do you experience God’s presence and guidance in all aspects of your life?**
* **Do you have a glimpse of God’s purpose or mission for your life?**
* **How is your relationship with the world different because of your relationship with God?**

**These are just ideas. Some may resonate with you while others do not. Come up with other ideas and questions that help you tell your story of faith in the way that best fits you and your completely unique relationship with God.**

**Sharing in Your in Practice:**

**Regardless of your situation in life, spend time in prayer with God reflecting on your personal story. Is there something you want to change about your story…ask God to help. Is there somebody who needs to hear your story…ask God to give you the courage and provide them with the willingness to listen.**

**If you are a parent with children at home, then follow God’s instructions to Moses in Deuteronomy 6 and tell your kids who God is and what God has done for you. Keep this list of questions in the car, at the dining room table, or next to their beds. Let them pick questions and interview you. You pick questions and use them as prompts to daily impress faith on your children’s hearts.**

**If you are blessed with adult children and grandchildren consider creating a spiritual autobiography. Use the questions to guide you as you think about your page in God’s story. What difference has God made in your life? As God’s child, what difference have you made in the church and the world? Consider making it special by including pictures, using your own handwriting, or presenting it in a special way. Take this opportunity now to let your faith story outlive you, becoming a faith heirloom and spiritual legacy for your kids and grandkids for years to come.**

**Maybe your story will come in some completely different form, perhaps a video or a website. The challenge is simply this: In whatever way you can…**

 **Pray**

 **Reflect**

 **Create**

 **Share**