



**Week 1 - Beginnings, your journey matters**, makes a difference! Numbers 33:1-3, 2 Cor. 11:22-28

**Week 2 - Roadblocks and Detours** Exodus 13:17-22 (God led the Israelites on a detour, roadblocks due to disobedience)

**Week 3 - Storms** - Mark 4:35-41, Matthew 14:22-33

The first anchor in a crisis is the presence of God.

The second anchor in a crisis is the purpose of God.

The third anchor is the promise of God.

**Week 4 - "Mile Markers and Mile Stones"**

Joshua 4:1-24 the Jordan river & the 12 stones Celebrate / Milestones

motivate us to keep serving God faithfully

**G**-Go to God in Prayer daily

**R**-Read God's word daily (Joshua 1:8, 2 Tim 2:15)

**O**-Obey God moment by moment (John 14:21)

**W**-Witness for Christ by your life and lips - **W**orship God in a local church (Hebrews 10:25)

**T**-Trust God for every detail of your life (Proverbs 3:5,6)

**H**-Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit daily (John 16:7 NIV)

**Week 5 - People Matter** - Mark 12:28-34 Matt. 19:16 -19. Matt. 22:34-40, Romans 13:8-10 (The Power of Influence)

**Week 6 - Your Story** - Acts 22:1-16, T/Choir, Testimonies 1 Peter 3:15 Before - How - Since BC/HC/AC 1 John 1:1-4

### **Week 7 - Dave's Story March 22, 2015**

You heard an incredible life story from an incredible person today, Dave Roever.

What about Dave's story made you laugh? Made you cry or want to cry? Made you sad? Made you glad?

From your personal hearing of his story, what will you remember most?

What about his story did you most personally identify with/ what resonated in your heart, mind, and soul?

Was your faith challenged? Touched? What did you take away from his story that you can use and apply in your life?

Obviously, and gratefully, not many of us will ever have a story quite like Dave Roever's story. However, each of us have a life story to tell. If we are Christ followers, our story, like Dave's, will be a story of redemption and grace, of God moments and the influences that you have been affected. It is His story through you, so tell your story!

From last week's message, let every person in the connection group share a 2-3 minute life story. Give them several minutes to prepare if necessary. It doesn't have to be an extreme story; Just the facts, Maam!, (Dragnet style!!!)

Use these factors to create your testimony: Recount before you trusted Christ, how you surrendered to him, and the been difference since you've walking with him. This is the pattern of how Paul shared in Acts 22 and Acts 26

- **Before:** Simply tell what your life was like before you surrendered to Christ. What were you searching for before coming to know Christ? What was the key problem, emotion, situation or attitude you were dealing with? What motivated you? What were your actions? How did you try to satisfy your inner needs? (inner needs are loneliness, fear of death, insecurity. Possible ways to fill those needs include work, money, drugs, relationships, sports, sex.)
- **How:** How were you converted? Simply tell the events and circumstances that caused you to consider Christ as the solution to your searching. Take time to identify the steps that brought you to the point of trusting Christ. Where were you? What was happening at the time? What people or problems influenced your decision?
- **Since:** How has your life in Christ made a difference? How has his forgiveness impacted you? How have your thoughts, attitudes and emotions changed? Share how Christ is meeting your needs and what a relationship with him means to you now.

**BC** - Before Christ, **HC** - How Christ (How Converted), **SC** - Since Christ

Try to avoid the "Christianese" or Religious Jargon, or words that may have another meaning - words like "Born again", "Lost", "Saved", Gospel, Sin, Repent, Sanctification, Justification, Atonement, Propitiation, Expiation, etc.