

**CONNECTION**

What "THEME" can help frame your story and describe your journey. Relationship, money, difficulties, addictions, hopelessness, aliens, conspiracies, weird stuff, whatever. Use this to help CONNECT to your friend.

I spent a very long time [chasing/ struggling with / keeping busy ] with \_\_\_\_\_ [THEME].

*Transition: Dealing with this [THEME] really affected my life.*

**CONFESSION**

Paint a picture of how that THEME influenced your life before you came to Christ. Be general, and then give one specific example.

- ✓ Don't glorify your sins or your struggles.
- ✓ Don't describe them enough to create temptation.
- ✓ Don't turn it into a therapy session.
- ✓ Don't make anybody else the "bad guy."

[THEME made me feel/act in ways that weren't helping my life...

– Feeling/Act 1

\_\_\_\_\_

– Feeling/Act 2

\_\_\_\_\_

– Feeling/Act 3

\_\_\_\_\_

There was one time when... [give specific example here]

*Transition: But I knew deep inside there was something more for my life.*

**CONVERSION**

Give the who, what, where, and when of the day you were saved.

- ✓ Describe the color of the walls, the dress of the person who helped you, the room, the place.
- ✓ Put the event on camera, and describe what you see in the lens.
- ✓ Make it Cross-centered.
- ✓ Transition with a profession of confidence and faith in Jesus.

God had been tugging at my heart for a long time... I knew this because....

One day... [Describe the moment. Bring your friend mentally into that same room and place... be vivid. What did you see? What did it smell like? What sounds were there? What did the evangelist say? How did it hit you?]

What exactly happened in the moment you prayed to receive Christ?

*Transition: I'm not a perfect person, but I know I'm going to heaven, and it's all because I've received Jesus as my Savior.*

## CONFIRMATION

How has Jesus changed your relationship to the THEME you started with?

- ✓ You don't have to be perfect.
- ✓ You don't have to have total victory.
- ✓ Just speak of hope and a difference.

Now that \_\_\_\_\_ [THEME] that so dominated my life is just a blip on the radar.

And I feel... [list three positive emotions]

- 1
- 2
- 3

...because I have Jesus in my life.

*Transition: He's made such a difference in my life. Would be open to me showing you how he can make a difference in your life too?*

## CONVINCING

Have your friend read Ephesians 2:8,9.

Highlight "by grace through faith."

Explain what happened when Jesus died. (GRACE)

- ✓ Focus on the transfer of sin and the punishment he paid.
- ✓ It is finished!

Go over the ABC's of the gospel, and ask if your friend is willing to pray right now.

(FAITH)

- ✓ Use paper and pencil to draw a diagram if you can.
- ✓ Keep it short.

BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH...

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Ephesians 2:8, 9)

GRACE

The Cross

FAITH

The ABCs of the Gospel



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