

The Bible calls us to always be ready to share our faith story.



*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear 1 Peter 3:15*

## **Sharing Our Stories**

Tomorrow, for our Sabbath convocation, we will hear another installment of Jesus stories from two people in the community. These stories are about our individual journey to Yeshua's saving grace in our lives. Over the years I have heard snippets of stories from both Steve and Raymond related to how they came to faith, but tomorrow we will have the opportunity of hearing a short, comprehensive story of how the Lord revealed Himself to each of them. We are planning to videotape these stories so that we can put them on the website for others to hear as well.

I remember as a young man fresh out of college respectfully sitting down and sharing with my boss the verse from 1 Peter 3:15 above. I worked in a residential homeless shelter on the night shift, and I wanted to make clear that I

felt I had a biblical responsibility to share with anyone who asked me about my spiritual beliefs. In our conversation I discovered that my boss was fine with that. I was grateful for this conversation but also realized that it was not up to my boss to give me "permission" to respectfully share my faith. God had asked me to always be ready to share that with others.

Using this verse as a prototype, we are each required to be ready to share our faith story. Over the months ahead, we are planning to have at least two people from the Lighthouse share each month on Sabbath their stories of faith. We will plan to video these stories and then have a "bouquet" of our stories that will be available on the Lighthouse website so that others can watch us share our foundational stories of Yeshua's work in our lives.

I look forward to hearing these stories in the days to come and hope you are too!