



## WEEK 5: RESPOND

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## WEEK 5 CHALLENGE

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*“We are ‘trophyies of God’s grace.’ Our brokenness becomes a part of our story of redemption. When we tell our stories of how God took our brokenness and transformed us into His likeness we show the amazing power and love of God.”*

— Brandt Lyon

Now it’s time to respond by sharing with the church body and with others around you how God has helped you to center your gaze and your hope on Him during this 40 day journey.

Our stories were not meant to be kept to ourselves. God can use YOUR story to encourage and offer hope to others. Would you be willing to share it? This week, we will be diving into how to share our story with others.

#### DAY 1: STILLNESS & WAITING

Today is our day of stillness and quiet to enjoy God’s presence. He is with You today. Sit with Him, even if just for 5-10 minutes.

Enjoy the stillness of sitting with God knowing that He is gazing upon you with delight. Ask Him to reveal to You what you can share with your church family and with others around you about your faith journey and how God is at work in your life right now.

Enjoy your time in God’s presence!

#### DAY 2: WORDS OF TRUTH & PRAYER

Ps. 40:9-10 — “I proclaim righteousness in the great assembly; I do not seal my lips as you know, O Lord. I do not hide your righteousness and salvation. I do not conceal your love and your truth from the great assembly.”

Isaiah 63:7a — “I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us...”

Prayer:

*“Heavenly Father, thank You for choosing me, for working in my life, and for never giving up on me. Thank You for giving me hope and allowing me to share Your hope with others. Please give me the courage to share my story that I might offer hope to others in my church, community and beyond. Amen.”*

**DAY 3: DIGGING DEEPER**

Answer the questions/prompts below to help you construct your story.

How would you describe your faith journey thus far?

- When in your life did you see your need for Jesus?  
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- Who did God use to help you understand what it means to have a relationship with God?  
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- How have you become more like Christ, since you came to know Him? How has your life changed?  
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- How has God used these 40 days after Easter to challenge you in your faith?  
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Has this challenge helped you to think differently, to spend time with the Lord differently, to have space in your day for silence and communion with God, to think about one passage of scripture consistently throughout the week, to memorize scripture, to find ways to share God’s work in you with others, etc.?

- What changes do you plan to make in your life moving forward?  
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- What is your next step?  
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## DAY 6: MEDITATION

Sit in silence or with your worship music playing and meditate on one or two of these truths.

### Truth Statements for Meditation

- “I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints” (Psalm 52:9).
- “I will sing of the Lord’s great love forever, with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations” (Psalm 89:1).
- True wisdom is knowing God. When I know God, I can’t help but shine brightly for Him.
- “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Gal. 6:9).
- God’s work in me can be a blessing to someone else.
- I have the opportunity to share hope with others by sharing the story of God’s grace in my life.
- I am an important part of the body of Christ. I can participate in making a difference in this world through God’s power at work in me.
- My life and my story matters.
- God can use me to influence others.
- “I am a ‘trophy of God’s grace.’ My story is a testament to God’s power over sin and His ability to make broken things whole.” — Brandt Lyon

## DAY 7: REFLECTION & THANKSGIVING

Reflect on this past week and the work God is doing in your life.

Prayer:

*“God, I thank you for showing me how to share the story of my personal faith journey with others. I ask that you would give me opportunities in the coming days to be a blessing to others by reflecting the light of Your presence onto people around me. I pray that my countenance would radiate with the joy of the Lord, not because my circumstances are perfect, but because I hope in YOU despite my circumstances. Give me opportunities to share with others about Your work in me. I long for a passion to shine brightly for You. Amen.”*