

# My Generosity Story

How God's generosity is being written through me

## 1. OUTLINE YOUR LIFE EXPERIENCES

Take a moment to jot down your most significant, life-defining experiences. Imagine the line below represents your life.

In the space above the line, write your high points – the joyful events, triumphs, good decisions, and unexpected blessings in your life. In the space below the line, write your low points – the tragedies, trials, disappointments, failures, and pain that have impacted you.

HIGH POINTS					
LOW POINTS					

## 2. REFLECT ON YOUR GIVING JOURNEY

Consider your life experiences. How they have impacted your journey of generosity. Has God used different circumstances to prepare you? How does what you've been through affect the way you give? Is there a Scripture that has impacted your perspective of generosity? What have been significant moments in your giving, both good and bad?

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## 3. DO YOUR RESEARCH

Using your discoveries from exercise 1 and 2, circle your most defining experiences in life, and in giving, and use them to create a timeline with dates, names, amounts, and any other specifics you can add.

You may need to do some research to get your facts straight. Doing your research and adding these details helps put your experiences in context and connect the dots – for you and for your audience.

For example, you might discover that the day you decided to dedicate your life to running the food bank was exactly two years before the pandemic hit – just enough time for God to prepare you for the biggest mission of your life.

DATE:	DATE:	DATE:
NAMES:	NAMES:	NAMES:
DETAILS:	DETAILS:	DETAILS:

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## 4. CONSIDER YOUR CHARACTERS

Make a list of the people who have had the greatest influence in your life and your giving. Start with the names you discovered in your research and add any others that come to mind. How will you include these characters and honor their role in your story? Can you remember an important conversation with someone that you could include as dialogue in your story? Can you interview one of these characters to get their point of view?

NAME:

SIGNIFICANCE:

NOTES:

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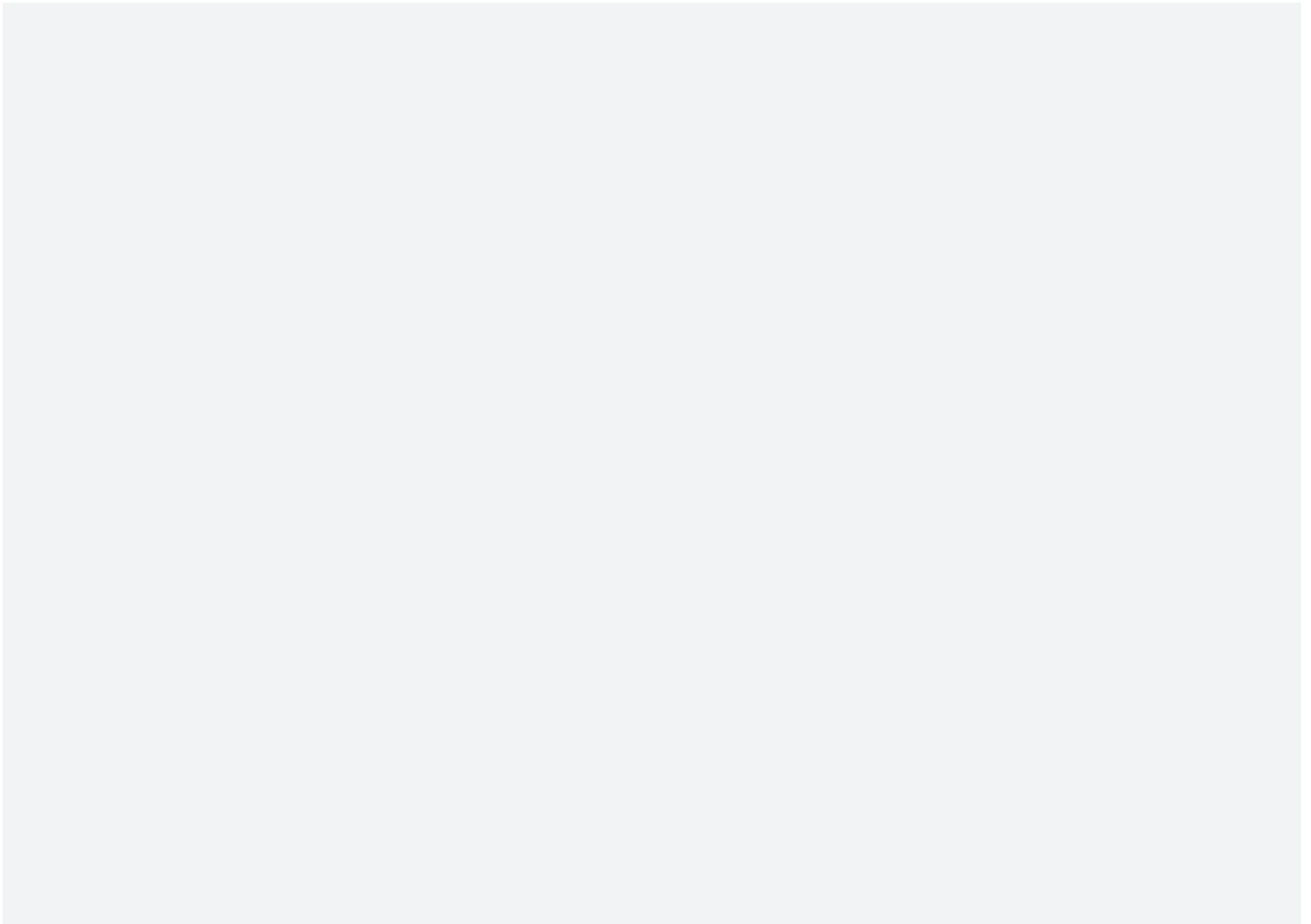
## 5. CRAFT AND TELL YOUR STORY

In its most basic form, your giving story is simply your personal narrative of when, why, and how biblical generosity has become part of your journey in life.

As you start to write or record your story:

- Remember that it takes much more than facts, dates, and descriptions to create an emotional connection with your audience. People want to know how you felt! So be as honest and authentic as you can.
- When you share your pain, failures, and doubts, your storytelling becomes an intimate experience that draws people in. You can't tell a good story without conflict. God uses conflict to build character and this is what you want to pass on.
- Understand that your journey of generosity is still a work in progress, and ultimately, God is the author and finisher of our faith. You have a story worth telling. Time to steward and share it well.

YOUR STORY:



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YOUR STORY (CONTINUED):