

FORGIVE STORIES

FORGIVENESS STORIES MELT HEARTS

Do you have an interesting story about forgiveness?



Did you forgive someone? Did someone forgive you?



Did you forgive yourself?



Were aggrieved people reconciled?

We'd love to help you share your forgiveness story



See our guide to writing your story below. These stories will be shared by people everywhere.

Here's how to share your story:



Email your 600-800 word story. Include one or more relevant photographs (optional). Some stories may be wild. Others may involve simple acts of forgiveness with dramatic twists or life changing truths. Our editors will help your story shine.



Raw real stories that inspire with wonder will be published on the FORGIVE STORIES website (www.forgivestories.com), in social media etc.



QR encoded cards will help connect people to the FORGIVE STORIES. The cards will be distributed by people everywhere through service agencies, churches, community organisations etc.

Some stories will become short videos



We may contact you with an offer to video your story.

Please send us your:



Story (600-800 words)



Photographs (optional)(high resolution with captions please)



Permission Form (completed by you and people identified in your story). Credits will be given unless anonymity has been requested on the Permission form.

Address: info@forgivestories.com

Who is Behind This?

This is a Not-for-Profit exercise. The publisher, *Forgive Stories* (www.forgivestories.com) is an initiative of *National Forgiveness Week* (NFW) in cooperation with *Partners in Prayer and Evangelism Ltd* (PIPES) (www.partnersinprayer.org.au) and *Livingstone Media Foundation Ltd T/A 40 Stories Project* (www.40stories.org.au).

Please see Guide to Writers below

GUIDE TO WRITERS OF FORGIVENESS STORIES

The story you are about to write will be used to encourage others to understand forgiveness and try it for themselves. It may be published on the FORGIVE STORIES website (www.forgivestories.com), and in other forms. Credits will be given unless anonymity has been requested on the permission form.

Not all stories will be published, and some will be edited. The publisher reserves the right to withhold stories from publication or edit them prior to publication.

Not all stories need to involve heinous or criminal acts. Some might be simple offences with dramatic or interesting twists.

Remember, forgiveness runs two ways ... it can involve your forgiveness of others, or others forgiving you. Sometimes, it can be about you forgiving yourself or reconciliation between two aggrieved sides.

The following guidelines will assist you to prepare your testimony in a format suitable for publication.

Guidelines

- Stories should be concise and no longer than 800 words.
- Please present your stories in Word format to facilitate editing if required.
- It is important that stories be accompanied by high resolution photographs where possible, but this is optional. Please provide captions for each photograph you provide, identifying people and places where relevant and appropriate.
- Please spend some time reflecting upon your story before you 'put pen to paper'.

- Use simple language and refrain from making it too detailed or complicated. Please try to capture the emotion of your story in your writing.
- Be careful not to embarrass or incriminate individuals. If such is the case, it may be better to change names and write anonymously.
- Construct the story towards the key point, using every sentence to set the mood and build to the main lesson you want to present.
- Go back to the story after a day or so, and edit it, removing unnecessary words or sentences. Remove anything which is superfluous and tidy up the grammar.