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This tool was created to help you talk about your faith and introduce someone to Jesus Christ in an artistic way. Designed for use on your iOS or Android device, each photo will help you explain your story from brokenness to the restorative work Christ has done in you. This tool is customizable. Feel free to delete photos that you don't find useful or switch the order in a way that better explains your story.

This style of communicating the Gospel assumes that you are already in a deeper conversation where your friend has most likely shared some personal things about her life. You would then naturally bring in the photos to relate to your friend and share the Gospel with her. As you talk with her, pray and allow the Holy Spirit to speak through you. Take it slowly, making this as relational and conversational as possible. It's okay if you don't make it through the whole thing.

As you share your story through these photos make sure to ask your friend if she has questions. You may ask her if this makes sense to her. You may ask if she connects with what you have been discussing or you may pray with her. Rely on the Holy Spirit to lead this time with your friend.

I'm not the only one: Describe a time of struggle in your life. Explain that you realized you weren't alone during your struggles.

- **Example:** I lived a double life; I partied with friends on Fridays then attended church on Sundays. I realized when I looked around that I wasn't alone. Other people have the same issues and that brought me comfort.

Broken: Tell how you personally felt broken.

- **Example:** I felt like I had nothing good left in me. I felt completely broken. So I tried everything I could to make myself feel better.

I can't fix myself: Explain how you tried to get out of your struggles, your pain. What did you do to escape or cover them up? What did you try to do to feel better or make the problems disappear? What did you do that just did not work? Maybe it was temporary pleasure or happiness.

- **Example:** I ran away from my problems by staying busy with work and school. I spent my free time with friends and family to escape my own thoughts. I hoped my issues would disappear.

I gave up: What was your breaking point? Explain the point of desperation before you reached out to God. What emotions were you feeling? Where were you physically?

Were you alone? What was the turning point that got you to this place?

- **Example:** I became exhausted. I knew I couldn't do it anymore. I got to a point where I said "God, you need to do something because I can't anymore."

A better way: Explain how giving up wasn't the end of your story. You found a better way...

- **Example:** A friend explained to me that God did something. She shared that there is more to life than I realized, that God loves me.

Jesus is the better way: First time to bring the person of Jesus into the conversation.

- **Example:** Everything I previously learned about Jesus suddenly became personal. I realized He wanted a relationship with me.

He experienced my brokenness: Explain how Jesus became human and experienced your brokenness through the suffering He faced on earth even to the point of death.

- **Example:** What I find amazing about Jesus is that he lived a perfect life – and suffered for it. He experienced my brokenness but never responded wrongly. Then he died – all to have a relationship with me.

Through forgiveness & love He restored me: Explain how He restored you through His forgiveness and love.

- **Example:** Jesus took the initiative, forgave me and restored me with His love. Now, when I go through hard times He is with me. I realized Jesus meets me where I am and I no longer have to try and fix myself.

Jesus said come to me...: This is when you make it about her. Get her to think about what it would look like for her to come to the table where she can meet Jesus.

As you talk with her, pray and allow the Holy Spirit to speak through you.

- **Example:** I don't know about you, but I was tired. Tired of the striving to be better and tired of my guilt. I gave up and let Jesus give me rest. That changed everything. Just like coming to a table to eat, Jesus says you can come to him, as you are. Does it surprise you to know that this invitation is found in the Bible? Can I share more with you about how the Bible says God gives forgiveness, restoration and rest?

1 John 4:9: This photo transitions into the Gospel in Scripture portion. This will help clarify what you've been explaining through your story.

- **Example:** God sent Jesus to give us eternal life. How would you define eternal life?

John 17:3: Explain what eternal life means.

- **Example:** Most people view eternal life as what happens after you die. This verse explains that isn't the case. Eternal life is a forever, deeply satisfying relationship with God.

Isaiah 53:5: Explain sin and the cross.

- **Example:** How would you define sin? Examples of sin include envy, lying, and self-centeredness. Sin is simply resisting God. Sin therefore keeps us from having a relationship with God. Because God is just, He must punish it. Instead of punishing us, He punished Jesus who was perfect. He lived a perfect life in our place and died the death we deserved. Therefore, we can be whole; we can be healed and forgiven of our sin.

2 Corinthians 5:19a: This verse explains how Jesus reconciled us to God.

- **Example:** Because Jesus lived the perfect life we couldn't live and took our punishment, we can be in a relationship with God. The sin barrier is removed, forgiven.

1 Corinthians 15:3b-4: This verse explains Christ's burial and resurrection.

- **Example:** Jesus did not stay dead. He came back to life and appeared to many people.

Romans 10:9: Ask your friend if she has any questions, if there was anything that didn't make sense. Then ask your friend if she wants a relationship with Christ.

- **Example:** What are your thoughts? Does having a relationship ("eternal life") with Jesus sound like something you want?

Conclusion: Remember, you are not alone. The Holy Spirit is in this conversation with you.

If your friend is not ready to have a relationship with Jesus, that's okay. We are all on a journey with God and He knows what He is doing. Continue to pursue her friendship, pray for her, love her like Christ and be there for more conversations about where she is.

If she is ready, let her know she can express her belief in Jesus and her desire to begin a relationship with Him right now. You may give her the opportunity to pray silently or out loud. You could share a simple prayer- "Jesus, thank you for what you did for me; I want to have a relationship with you." Continue to walk with her in this journey. Maybe meet up with her and begin reading the Bible together. Get her connected to a small group or local church community.