

Confirmation Faith Statement Project

As a part of our Confirmation and discipleship process, you will be creating a faith statement that shares a meaningful aspect of your faith walk. Letting others know how God is working in your life is just one of the ways in which you help others in our faith family follow Jesus with you. So this is a chance to share your faith and a chance to strengthen others. Here's how it works:

Step 1: Find a verse in Scripture that is particularly meaningful to you in your Christian life. Consider the verses attached to this sheet as examples or talk to family members about verses that are important to them. The main goal is to **find a biblical image that captures an important aspect of your faith walk** so you can share with others what God has done for you.

Step 2: Explore your confirmation verse. Why did this image seem meaningful to you? In what way is it a comfort? What kinds of things in your life does it touch on? **What can you expect Jesus to do in light of this image? What does this image invite you to do?** Fill out page 1 of the Faith Statement Worksheet. Explore the characters, outcomes, and conflict in the "Movie Poster" your confirmation verse assumes. If you are stuck, talk to others in your family, at your table, or to one of your pastors or youth leaders.

Step 3: Use page 2 of the Faith Statement Worksheet to move from your image to your faith statement. Try to **use the unique language and dynamics of your verse and of your life**. Your faith statement should sound unique. Use the statement on page 2 of the Worksheet as a way to get your writing going: you don't have to use all of these statements, but say these kinds of things when you right.

Remember to avoid generic references to God and to keep your action out of the salvation story. Make sure your Faith Statement focuses on Jesus and His work for you and is based on the cross and resurrection, even if that is not the focus of your image. (For example, if your verse is about running the race, you want to allow the race to be central, but you can also say, "I can run my race with confidence because I know Jesus died and rose for me and nothing I can do will keep Him from loving me.") **Base your image on the Gospel**, even if your verse is about how your live out your faith.

Step 4: **Find a graphic image** that expresses your confirmation verse. Once you have a verse in mind, search the web and find a central image that captures the dynamics of your unique Scripture passage. This may be a picture of a shepherd or a soldier or a hiker or a rock or a family—it all depends on what image captures the dynamics of your verse.

You might find these sites helpful because they have images we are allowed to use online: <http://www.freeimages.com/> These images are royalty free. <http://us.fotolia.com/> Our congregation is able to purchase these images for our use.

Step 5: Bring it all together. Meet with Pastor Rossow to answer questions or help clarify direction (see schedule). Then submit your Faith Statement (with image) by email.

The Bible gives us a wide variety of images to help us understand who God is, what He has done for us in Christ, and how we live our lives as Jesus-followers. The following Snapshots of the Gospel are a place to start; paging through your favorite Bible verses, you could come up with many, many more.

God is . . . My Rock

Psalm 18:1-3 – I love you, O LORD, my strength. The **LORD is my rock**, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

Psalm 95:1 – Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to **the Rock of our salvation**.

God is . . . My Fortress

Psalm 62:2 – He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is **my fortress**, I will never be shaken.

Psalm 28:8 – The LORD is the strength of his people, **a fortress of salvation** for his anointed one.

God is . . . My Hiding Place

Psalm 32:7 – You are my **hiding place**; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Proverbs 18:10 – The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous **run to it and are safe**.

God is . . . My Guide

Psalm 48:14 – For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be **our guide** even to the end.

Psalm 25:5 – **guide me in your truth** and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 139:24 – See if there is any offensive way in me, and **lead me in the way everlasting**.

God is . . . My Mighty Worrier

Exodus 15:3 – The **LORD is a warrior**; the LORD is his name.

Deuteronomy 1:30 – The **LORD your God**, who is going before you, **will fight for you**, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes,

God is . . . My Banquet Host

Isaiah 55:1-2 – **Come, all you who are thirsty**, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and **eat what is good**, and **your soul will delight in the richest of fare**.

Isaiah 25:6 – On this mountain the LORD Almighty will **prepare a feast** of rich food for all peoples, a **banquet** of aged wine – the best of meats and the finest of wines.

God is . . . My Light

2 Samuel 22:29 – You are **my lamp**, O LORD; the **LORD turns my darkness into light**.

Psalms 27:1 – **The LORD is my light** and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?

God is . . . A Potter

Isaiah 64:8 – Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, **you are the potter**; we are all the work of your hand.

Jeremiah 18:6 – “O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel.

Jesus is . . . My Ransom

1 Timothy 2:5-6 – For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself **as a ransom** for all men – the testimony given in its proper time.

1 Peter 1:18-19 – For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that **you were redeemed** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Jesus is . . . My King

Zechariah 9:9 - Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, **your king comes to you**, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

John 18:37 - "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "**You are right in saying I am a king**. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Jesus is . . . My Brother

Mark 3:34-35 - Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is **my brother and sister and mother**."

John 20:17 - Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to **my brothers** and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' "

Jesus is . . . My "Access"

Romans 5:2 - through whom we have gained **access** by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 2:18 - For through him we both have **access** to the Father by one Spirit. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Jesus is . . . My Friend

John 15:15 - I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, **I have called you friends**, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

James 2:23 - And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called **God's friend**.

Jesus is . . . My Pioneer

Hebrews 2:10 (Message) - It makes good sense that the God who got everything started and keeps everything going now completes the work by making the **Salvation Pioneer** perfect through suffering as he leads all these people to glory.

Hebrews 12:2 (Today's NIV) - fixing our eyes on Jesus, the **pioneer** and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus is . . . My Rally Banner

Isaiah 11:10 - In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a **banner** for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.

Exodus 14:15 - Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is **my Banner**.

Jesus is . . . My Priest

Hebrews 7:23-25 - Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a **permanent priesthood**. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 3:1 - Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and **high priest** whom we confess.

Jesus is . . . My Sacrifice

I John 2:2 - He is the **atonement sacrifice** for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Ephesians 5:2 - and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a **fragrant offering and sacrifice** to God.

Jesus is . . . My Light

John 8:12 - "I am the **light of the world**. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 1:5 - The **light shines in the darkness**, but the darkness has not understood it.

Jesus is . . . My Sustenance

John 6:35 - Then Jesus declared, "I am the **bread of life**. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

Matthew 5:6 - Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they **will be filled**.

The Church is . . . Christ's Body

Ephesians 1:22-23 - And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, **which is his body**, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

1 Corinthians 12:27 - Now **you are the body of Christ**, and each one of you is a part of it.

The Church is . . . My Family

Galatians 6:10 - Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the **family of believers**.

Ephesians 3:14-15 - For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom **his whole family in heaven and on earth** derives its name.

The Church is . . . A Life Boat

1 Peter 3:20-21 - In it [Noah's Ark] only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes **baptism that now saves you** also - not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

The Church is . . . A Temple of Living Stones

1 Peter 2: 4-8 - As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him - **you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house** to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

The Church is . . . A City

Matthew 5:14 - "You are the light of the world. **A city on a hill** cannot be hidden.

Hebrews 12:22-23a - But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the **city of the living God**. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.

My Christian Faith is . . . A Journey

Galatians 5:16 – So I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Galatians 5:25 – Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep **in step with the Spirit**.

My Christian Faith is . . . A Battle

Romans 13:12 – The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on **the armor of light**.

Ephesians 6:11 – Put on the **full armor of God** so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

My Christian Faith is . . . A Race

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 – Do you not know that in a race **all the runners run**, but only one gets the prize? **Run in such a way as to get the prize**. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

Hebrews 12:1 – Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us **throw off everything that hinders** and the sin that so easily entangles, and **let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us**.

My Christian Faith is . . . A Fruit-Bearing Plant

John 15:5 – “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he **will bear much fruit**; apart from me you can do nothing.

Galatians 5:22ff – But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness . . .

My Christian Faith is . . . A Diplomatic Assignment

2 Corinthians 5:20 – We are therefore **Christ's ambassadors**, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.