

How to Write a Faith Statement

A faith statement is your faith journey. Everyone's statement and journey will look different. Yours will look different than your friends. Which will look different than your pastors. Which will look different than your parents. But there is one thing that is always the same and that is our resurrected King, Jesus.

Faith statements are roughly 3/4 to 1 page in length. It takes on average 2 minutes to read a statement. We try to keep these to this length because we have approximately 10 statements to go through during a service.

Writing a faith statement should be a joy filled process. To help, we outlined a process to assist you.

Step 1—Pick a confirmation verse.

A confirmation verse is a verse from the Bible which is special to you. These verses are typically between 1 and 2 verses long and speak to your faith journey. We are including an example sheet of Bible verses at the end of this document. You do not have to use these options; they are meant only to give you guidance.

Step 2—Think about your faith journey so far.

What has God done in your life to develop your faith? What are some examples from church, family, or personal life which God used? These are only suggestions. Perhaps it is something different.

Step 3—Think about where your faith will take you.

How is God going to use your faith in the future? Think about high school, college, sports or a job. No matter what it is, how is your faith going to help benefit yourself or others in the future.

Step 4—Write a draft.

When you create your faith statement it does not have to look one way. In fact, it is better if every statement has a different feel. For example, you could start off by telling about how God is going to use your faith in the future, then talk about your confirmation verse, and then about how he has worked in the past. Some people will talk almost exclusively about a verse. Others will spend more time on their faith in the past or future. There are many ways to create this statement.

The most important thing is to sit down and write. Find a space free from distraction. Don't get up until you have written one page. It doesn't matter what comes out the first time. Just get something down on paper.

Step 5—Edit

Go back and cleanup the rough draft. Ask for help or suggestions from a parent or pastor. Ask yourself the following.

- Is this the right length?
- Does this include my confirmation verse?
- Does this share my faith journey?

Step 6—Meet with pastor

After you finalize your statement, you will meet with a pastor so he can hear the final product. This is a joy filled moment. And this will help you get a sense for how everything will look in church.

Example Confirmation Verses

Be faithful, even to the point of death,
and I will give you the crown of
life. Revelation 2:10

I am not ashamed of the Gospel,
because it is the power of God for the
salvation of everyone who believes
Romans 1:16

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want. Psalm 23:1

My soul finds rest in God alone;
my salvation comes from Him. Psalm 62:1

Love the Lord your God with
all your heart and with all your soul and
with all your mind. Matthew 22:37

For God so loved the world that He gave His
one and only Son, that whoever believes in
Him shall not perish but have eternal
life. John 3:16

Cast your cares on the Lord and
He will sustain you;
He will never let the righteous fall.
Psalm 55:22

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be
shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God. Matthew 5:7-8

And surely I am with you always, to the
very end of the age. Matthew 28:20

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?" Psalm 27:1

I am the way and the truth and the life. No
one comes to the Father except through
me. John 14:6

I am the vine; you are the branches.
Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is
that bears much fruit, for apart from me you
can do nothing. John 15:4-5

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

For by grace you have been saved through
faith. And this is not your own doing; it is
the gift of God, not a result of works, so that
no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them,
and they follow me. I give them eternal
life, and they will never perish,
and no one will snatch them out of my
hand. John 10:27-28

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to
you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let
them be afraid. John 14:2