



## WORKSHEET: Developing Your Story of Self

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**Before you decide what part of your story to tell, think about these questions:**

1. What will I be calling on others to do?
2. What values move me to take action and might also inspire others to similar action?
3. What stories can I tell from my own life about specific people or events that would show (rather than tell) how I learned or acted on those values?

**What are the experiences in your life that have shaped the values that call you to leadership?**

**FAMILY & CHILDHOOD**

- Parents/Family
- Growing Up
- Your Community
- Role Models

**LIFE CHOICES**

- School / Career
- Partner / Family
- Hobbies / Interests / Talents
- Overcoming Challenge

**ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE**

- First Experience of organizing
- Connection to key books or people

**Think about the challenge, choice and outcome in your story** – the **challenges** you faced, the **choices** you made, and the **outcomes** you experienced.

- **Challenge:** Why was it a challenge? What was so challenging about it?
- **Choice:** Why did you make the choice you did? Where did you get the courage – or not? Where did you get the hope – or not? How did it feel?
- **Outcome:** How did the outcome feel? Why did it feel that way? What did it teach you? What do you want to teach us? How do you want us to feel?

Try drawing pictures here instead of words. Powerful stories leave your listeners with images in their minds that shape their understanding of you and your calling.

CHALLENGE:	CHOICE:	OUTCOME:

**Put it All Together Into Your Own Story of Self...**