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MINUTE  
TESTIMONIES





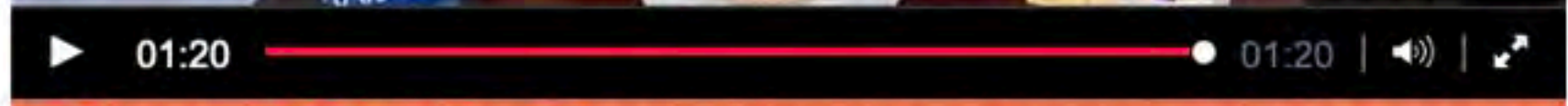


WHAT  
CAN YOU  
ACHIEVE  
IN TWO  
MINUTES?



- **Do an exercise**
- **Pray for someone**
- **Send an encouraging text message**
- **Write a journal entry**
- **Give thanks**
- **Read something life changing**
- **Marvel at creation**
- **Answer THAT email!**
- **Eat 2 weetabix?** (Other cereals and alternative brands of wheat biscuits are available)





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## Fastest Time To Eat A Dry Weet-Bix Biscuit



**TRAVIS MIZEJEWSKI**

2 likes

### ABOUT

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Amery, Wisconsin, United States / February 1, 2017

Travis Mizejewski ate a dry **Weet-Bix** biscuit in 57.72 seconds.

**WARNING:** Speed eating can be extremely dangerous. Please do not attempt this record unless you are above the age of 18 or trained as a professional speed eater. We will not accept submissions in this category from minors.



YOU CAN  
IMPACT THE  
ETERNAL  
DESTINY OF  
A PERSON  
IN TWO  
MINUTES,  
WITH THE  
POWER OF  
YOUR  
STORY!



- **Understand the power of your story**
- **Explore the power of God's hope being evident in our lives**
- **Be prepared to share your story**



**“15 ...in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect”**



- ◉ **Are we prepared answers for those who question why we have such hope?**
- ◉ **The deep rooted hope that we carry should be on display**
- ◉ **This hope is a deep reality for us, not an insincere veneer**



- ◉ **Context: Peter encouraging Christians persecuted across Asia Minor (Turkey)**
- ◉ **They are urged to repay evil with blessing, being Christlike in so doing**
- ◉ **Even if human hostility continues, they will be blessed by God**



“13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? 14 But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. ‘Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.’ 15 But...



- **This is very relatable to many believers in the world today**
- **For us it may mean social alienation or mockery, for many it means death**
- **So how can it be good news?!**



- **εὐαγγέλιον (Evangelion)**
- **Gospel**
- **Good News**
- **Glad Tidings**





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Penglais Nature Park



**“Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.”**



“3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.”



- **The Jesus story doesn't simply explain away or dismiss our reality of sin, suffering & shame**
- **It enters into our story to overcome them!**
- **This true hope enables even redeems suffering and persecution to be a blessing!**



**YOUR  
STORY IS  
THE HOPE  
SOMEONE  
NEEDS TO  
HEAR  
TODAY**



- **Your story of coming to faith in Jesus**
- **Your stories of God's enduring faithfulness**
- **Your stories of something specific that God has done**



PEOPLE  
MAY  
ARGUE  
WITH YOUR  
BELIEFS,  
BUT THEY  
CANNOT  
STEAL  
YOUR  
STORIES!



**ACTS**  
**26:1-29**

**SAUL/  
PAUL'S  
STORY**



- **"I conformed to the strictest sect of our religion, living as a Pharisee."**
- **"I was so obsessed with persecuting them that I even hunted them down in foreign cities."**



**BEFORE  
JESUS**



- **"On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus.... I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun.... "Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?'" "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' the Lord replied.**



AND  
THEN  
JESUS



- **"So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.... I preached that they should repent and turn to God."**
- **"But God has helped me to this very day; so I stand here and testify to small and great alike."**



AND  
NOW  
JESUS



- **These principles can be applied for testimonies...**
- **What it was like before, What God did, What difference this has made**
- **Beginning, middle, end... a good story**



8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be **my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



- **Make Jesus the central figure of your story - make His story**
- **Our stories are his stories and they bring eternal hope to a broken world**
- **Your story is the hope someone needs to hear today**



# PREPARING OUR GOD STORIES



- ◉ **Before Jesus (or the test before the testimony)**
- ◉ **Meeting Jesus (or what God did)**
- ◉ **With Jesus (or the difference it has made)**



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