Find Your 5: The Survival Sound Bite Strategy That Makes Your Marketing Stick



"You don't have a marketing problem." You have a messaging problem."

Donald Miller

CEO - StoryBrand

Nuance is not your friend

- You're too close to your product.
- You know too much.
- And you're probably talking over your customer's head.



People aren't looking for your product. They're looking for survival.

Your customers are scanning for what helps them:

- Save time
- Save money
- Avoid failure
- Look good

Curiosity begins with survival

When you name the problem your customer is trying to survive, they stop and listen.

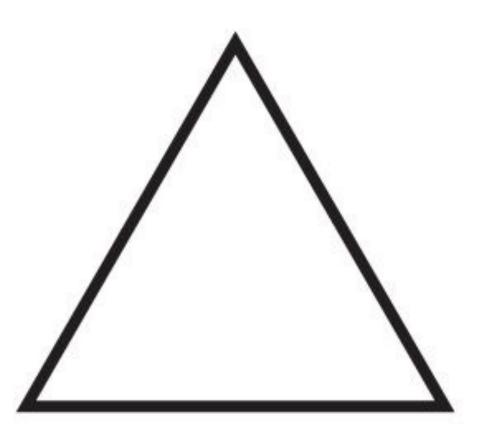




Curiosity



Commitment





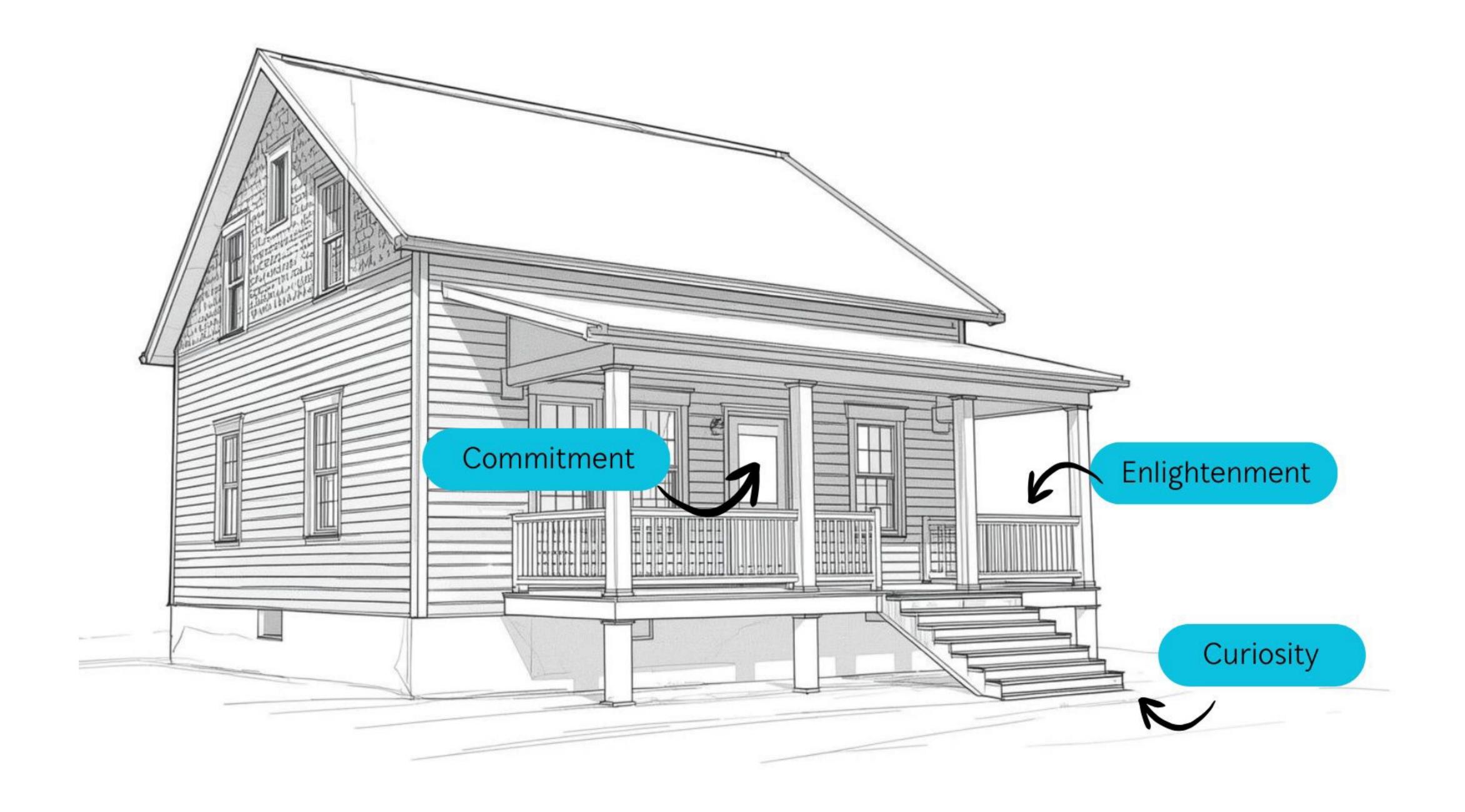
Enlightenment

3 Layers of Messages for 3 Different Jobs

1. Curiosity -> Survival soundbites

2. Enlightenment -> How it works

3. Commitment -> Ask for the sale

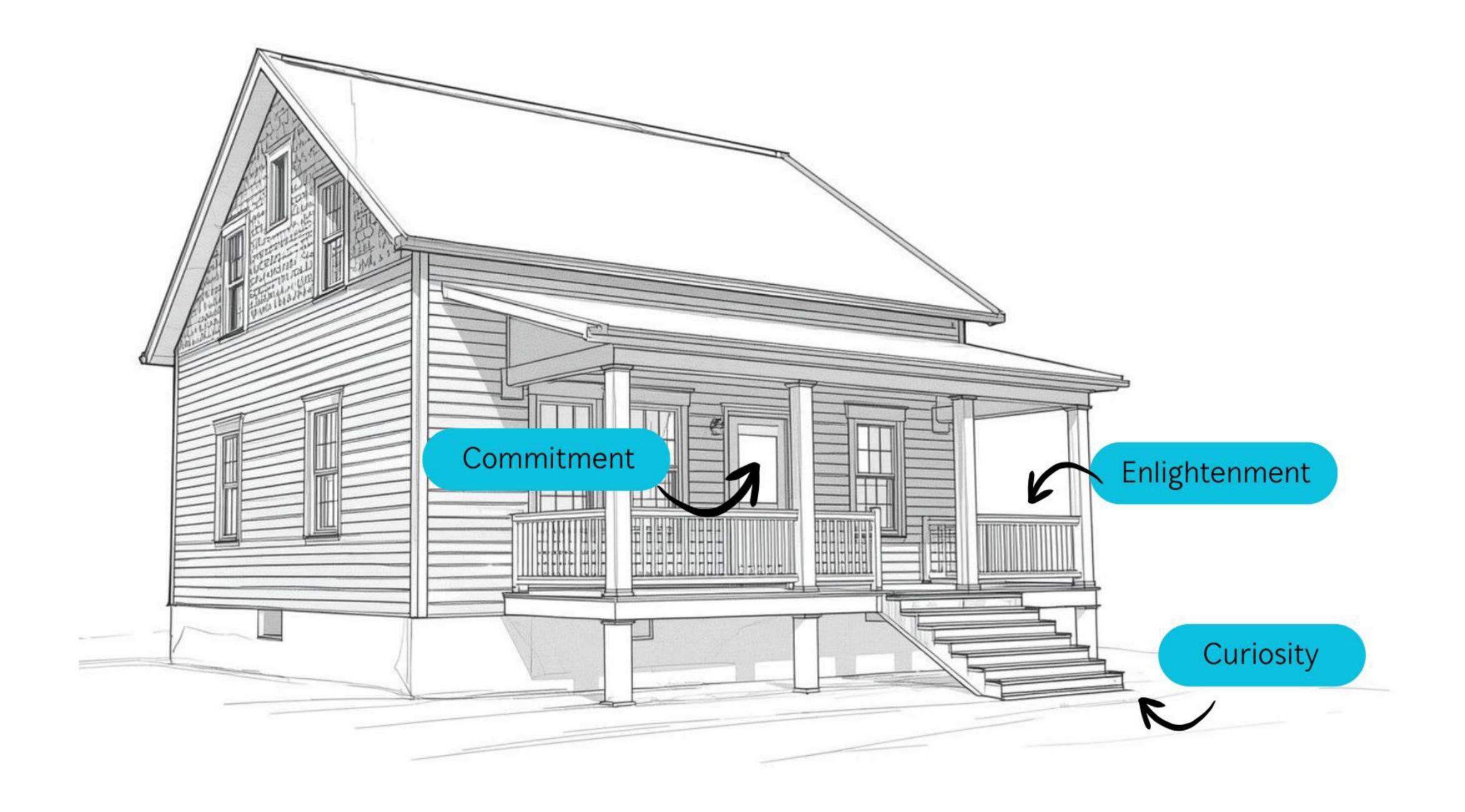


Where Your Words Live

1. Steps = Curiosity (Survival Sound Bites)

2. Porch = Enlightenment (Clarity & Proof)

3. Door = Commitment (Decision)



Your First Job: Find the Words That Trigger Curiosity

A survival sound bite is:

- Short (under 10 words)
- Conversational
- Problem-focused
- About them, not you.

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You Need a Budget (YNAB)

- 1. Have you ever worried about money?
- 2. We know how stressful that is.
- 3. Download the YNAB app.
- 4. We'll help you get good with money.
- 5. So you never have to worry again.

Your Survival Soundbite Framework

Problem

Empathy

Answer

Change

End result



Your Survival Soundbites

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Let's build yours

Write one short sentence for each:

- 1. What problem are they trying to survive?
- 2. How do you show empathy?
- 3. What's your clear answer?
- 4. What changes when they buy?
- 5. What peace do they get in the end?

Share one. Simplify it.

When you read it aloud, ask:

- Would a 10-year-old understand this?
- Is it about their problem or my product?



Say them everywhere

- Website headlines
- Social media posts
- Sales calls
- Videos
- Email subject lines
- Elevator Pitches
- Advertising Copy

Curiosity = Survival

- Curiosity starts with survival.
- The front steps lead to your front porch
- These 5 soundbites are your guide for new curiosity content.