



Sermon Summary – April 28, 2024
Testify: I was...And Now I...
(John 9:1-41; Acts 26:1-23)

A Man Born Blind Testifies

Jesus and his disciples met a man who had been blind since birth. The disciples asked a common question? Who sinned so that this man was blind? Jesus corrected them and stated no one had sinned. He was born blind so that God's work could be done in his life. Jesus made mud from dirt and his spit and put it on the man's eyes and told him to go to the pool of Siloam and wash his eyes. The man did so and was healed! His healing caused a commotion among the people who knew the blind beggar. They couldn't decide if the seeing man was the same as the blind man. The Pharisees were upset because Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath. The man repeatedly answered the questions of the curious and the accusers. To both groups he told them Jesus had healed him. In short, the man said, "I was blind, and now I can see!" (John 9:25). After the Pharisees interrogated the man and kicked him out of the assembly, Jesus met him again and explained further to him that He was the Messiah (Son of Man – some texts Son of God) – John 9:35. The man then believed in Jesus and worshiped him.

The Apostle Paul Testifies

The end of the book of Acts records Paul's arrest, defense, and house arrest in Rome before his trial in front of Caesar. When his case was brought before the Roman Governor Festus, and King Herod Agrippa II with his sister Bernice, Paul gave his testimony. He began by talking about his life before he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. He told how he was a Pharisee, and how he opposed the name of Jesus of Nazareth by imprisoning and punishing his followers. His hatred for them was so great he pursued believers to foreign cities. Paul then described how He met Jesus on the road to Damascus with a bright light and the voice of Christ. Paul then told how he obeyed Jesus' command to go to the Gentiles.

You Can Testify!

Any testimony of God's work in your life can be easily divided into three sections.

I WAS – Tell what your life was like before Jesus did something in your life. If you are sharing the testimony of your salvation, tell what your life was like before Jesus saved you. If a different testimony, talk about the problem you had, or the difficult situation you were in before you called out to God.

JESUS – Describe what Jesus did for you. If it's a salvation testimony you can add details about the gospel as well. Tell how God delivered you or healed you or changed your life. Thankfully and joyfully tell the work of God!

AND NOW – Share how your life is different now that God has intervened in your life. If it's your salvation testimony tell how you are serving God or give an example of how your life is better now that you have a relationship with Christ.