Testify.

Russ Stapleton: Don't Let Yesterday Rob You of Today: MANUP.co

"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their Story."

Psalm 107:2

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"I contend that most, if not all of us, carry memories that will never elicit anything but shame and regret."

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

5 Things our Yesterday Robs.

- Yesterday takes our joy and replaces it with <u>shame</u>.
- Yesterday takes our <u>peace</u>
 and replaces it with fear.
- Yesterday takes our <u>opportunity</u> and replaces it with <u>blame</u>.

- Yesterday takes our relationship with <u>others</u> and replaces it with <u>isolation</u>.
- Yesterday takes our relationship with <u>God</u> and replaces it with feelings of <u>failure</u> and being <u>unworthy</u>.

How do we combat these?

• The truth about what I have done.

John 8:32

And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

 The truth about what has been done for me.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

"Experiencing personal forgiveness for personal sin is often the Starting Point for personal faith."

- Andy Stanley

You don't need to tell EVERYONE But you need to tell SOMEONE.

Call to Action.

- Find a <u>small group</u> to do life with and give it <u>time</u>.
- Have an <u>accountability</u> partner and give them permission to speak the <u>truth</u>.
- Ask you accountability parter to encourage you.
- Give it to God and wait on the Lord.

Q: Who are you today?