

# Witness

## *Testimony*

We say how we feel but what if GOD wanted to use YOU to speak to someone

how good they are  
how cherished they are

- He is for you, not against you
- What if we said what God wanted us to say and not what we want to say
- where there are people there are problems
- you won't witness to people unless you love people
- don't give people what WE think they need, but to get beyond our wiring to witness we need to change how we see each others
- do you see people differently? That can be an indicator of moving closer to Jesus
- eternity in heaven or apart from God
- love on people enough to motivate us to action

We have to have a unique perspective in how we see humanity  
As we move closer to Jesus - we start seeing people differently!  
simple things produce significant things

*Charles Spurgeon*

*"The Holy Spirit will move them by first moving you. If you can rest without them being saved, they will rest too. But if you are filled with an agony for them if you can not bear for them to be lost ..."*

- helping ourselves to become more like Christ
- there is something about operating in the way you were designed to operate
- God is good...**Matt 6:33**

What is the one thing you could tell someone that will change people's eternity forever?

-ONLY JESUS!!!!

-created on purpose for a purpose

God loves us in our faults and failures  
Witnessing is a thing of trust and faith  
Trusting that God has called you to do it and worth whatever ridicule or awkward thing that may transpire

As we move closer to Jesus we naturally have a greater love for people !

"Oh the church has problems" well show me a family that doesn't have problems! We are a family!!

-if we begin to respond when we hear the Holy Spirit, we will hear it more often

- open my mouth on Gods behalf
- we should recognize the deception and brokenness in individuals lives

**1 Corinthians 9:16**

**1 Corinthians 9:19-23**

To share the blessings of the gospel is to proclaim it to other people!  
Meet people where they are!

- God can use us and our testimonies to reach others
- Rev 12:11** power in our testimony

**Revelation 12:11**

"They (the church) triumphed over him  
By the blood of the Lamb and by the WORD of their testimony" !!!!

We look at stories and believe that their story is more powerful

We can miss the moment! Our flesh can prohibit us to see things in the spiritual and make us think our testimony doesn't have power.

Saved, redeemed, called, enabling, empowering

- testimony is your biggest and best weapon
- what about your story...raised kids, successful business, serving the lord
- use your story...people see it even if you can't see it
- never be afraid to share my testimony
- get inline with His word

If you miss what god has done in your spirit, you'll never see power in your testimony.

As your story progresses over time, it builds power to it. Even if we don't share it - people see it!

Don't ever underestimate your testimony

Never be afraid to share it. Never be afraid of saying you were raised in church. Our story is still being written! Let God add to your testimony ! - it's never done!!!

-**John 5** man carrying his mat

- nothing insignificant about God saving a soul
- Psalm 107:2**...Give thanks to the Lord
- enemy gets worried when you are faithful and obedient to God
- is there a greater call on my life? Have a conversation with the Lord about what He wants
- redeemed means to buy back...Let the redeemed tell their story
- focus on the author of your story, meet people where they are
- every moment we are interrupted, pause to think about why we were created

We often say what we say so we can stay where we are...we are created to move.

Don't let pain be greater than your fear of changing

Scripture in roman road (put yourself in those verses so you can be reminded from where he brought you out of....**SHARE ROMANS ROAD**

Dangerous to be a Christian, but deadly NOT to be a Christian

If someone came up to you and said I have. I hope to live...are you prepared to share Jesus? This is my story and this is what God did in my life. This is my journey of struggles, but this is what God has already done for me and He isn't done yet.

Being saved isn't common or ordinary! Don't compare your stories. Your story is powerful and God knows your story. He isn't done your story. Don't forget your story bc it is one of the most powerful weapons in your life.

Be ready to share your story! You know what you've been called to do

**BE PREPARED TO SHARE YOUR STORY IN 3 mins or less**

- 1) Do you know the Roman Road story?
- 2) What is your story?
- 3) Have you had an opportunity in the last month to witness (share your story, talk about Jesus, invite folks out to church, etc...)
- 4) How often do you remind yourself of why you were created?
- 5) What is one area where you can improve as it relates to your story (I.e. Giving thanks, sharing it, being sensitive to the Holy Spirit, praying for opportunities, etc)