EVANGELISM | Not Ashamed of the Gospel Personal Testimony

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I. WHAT A PERSONAL TESTIMONY IS AND ISN'T

Colossians 3:1-3, Psalm 66:16

Our personal testimonies are not the Gospel, but rather a testament to how the Gospel has proved itself true in our lives and how you are now living for the glory of God.

II. REASONS TO SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY

- 1. To fight fear and doubt in evangelism Ephesians 2:1-22
- 2. To encourage the body to share Hebrews 10:24-25
- 3. To steer conversations with unbelievers towards the Gospel and bear witness of the hope in you

1 Corinthians 1:4-6

Philippians 3:1-11 1 Timothy 1:12-20 Galatians 1:13-2:10 John 9 Beggar John 4 Samaritan woman Acts 22 Paul's Testimony

Acts 26 Paul's Testimony to King Agrippa

III. THE BEGGAR'S TESTIMONY

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A personal testimony trumps arguments when they're bad arguments, and they're all bad arguments when they're against Jesus.

IV. A Framework for Your Testimony

- 1. What your life was like before Christ.
- 2. How you came to repent of your sins and believe in the Gospel.
- 3. What your life has been like <u>since</u> knowing Christ.
- 4. How the person you're sharing with can <u>experience</u> the same.

Application/Homework

- 1. Pray:
 - For God to give you an opportunity to share His story of how you were blind but now see.
- 2. Share your testimony at your community group/get together with someone unfamiliar at church to share. Please write out your testimonies and turn them in to us, as well!

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