

# TEST-imony

Week 2

**THIS SUMMER SERIES: When God showed up!!!**

TEST: (dictionary.com)

1. The means by which the presence, quality, or genuineness of anything is determined; a means of trial.
2. the trial of the quality of something; *to put to the test*.
3. a particular process or method for trying or assessing.

**John 16:33 I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”**

1. OUR TESTIMONIES SHOULD LEAD US TO HIS FAITHFULNESS

**OUR TESTIMONIES ARE NOT A STORY OF OUR FAILURES, BUT OF HIS FAITHFULNESS!!!**

**LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23 The faithful love of the LORD never ends!**

**His mercies never cease. 23 Great is his faithfulness;  
his mercies begin afresh each morning.**

## **2. OUR TESTIMONIES SHOULD LEAD US TO HUMILITY**

**1 PETER 1:6-7** So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. **7** These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

**2 CORINTHIANS 12:1-10** This boasting will do no good, but I must go on. I will reluctantly tell about visions and revelations from the Lord. **2** I was caught up to the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether I was in my body or out of my body, I don't know—only God knows. **3** Yes, only God knows whether I was in my body or outside my body. But I do know **4** that I was caught up to paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be expressed in words, things no human is allowed to tell. **5** That experience is worth boasting about, but I'm not going to do it. I will boast only about my weaknesses.

**6** If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it, because I don't want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message, **7** even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. **8** Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. **9** Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

**10 That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

**MY GRACE IS ALL YOU NEED**

**MY POWER WORKS BEST IN WEAKNESS!!**

### **3. OUR TESTIMONIES SHOULD LEAD US TO THE FEET OF JESUS**

**MARK 5:21-34** Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore. **22** Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet, **23** pleading fervently with him. "My little daughter is dying," he said. "Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live."

**24** Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him. **25** A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding. **26** She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse.

**27** She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. **28** For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed." **29** Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition.

**30 Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my robe?”**

**31 His disciples said to him, “Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, ‘Who touched me?’”**

**32 But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. 34 And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over.”**

His grace is all we need!!