

## Teaching Series from Book of John: **Called To The Stand**

Week 1 May 6, 2026 **The Expert Witness**

Scripture **John 8:12-59 (NIV)**

### **Introduction**

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- A witness must provide valid testimony
  - A witness must testify to establish truth
  - Testimony must be truthful
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### **The Testimony of Jesus is Challenged vs 12-18**

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup> The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness; your testimony is not valid."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. <sup>16</sup> But if I do judge, my decisions are true, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is true. <sup>18</sup> I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me."

### **Jesus is speaking on behalf of God vs 27-30, 38**

<sup>27</sup> They did not understand that he was telling them about his Father. <sup>28</sup> So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. <sup>29</sup> The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." <sup>30</sup> Even as he spoke, many believed in him.

<sup>38</sup> I am telling you what I have **seen** in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have **heard** from your father.

### **Jesus is Honored by God vs 48-50**

<sup>48</sup> The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?" <sup>49</sup> "I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup> I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge.

### **Reflection Questions**

#### **1. The purpose of the witness is to provide valid testimony vs 12-13**

is there something that the Bible teaches that you still struggle to believe?

#### **2. Seeing truth is better than hearing a lie vs 38**

Is there something that you used to believe is true but you no longer believe because of what you have seen or experienced since being a Christian?

#### **3. God Honors those who Honor him vs 49-50**

In what ways do you Honor Jesus? How might God in turn Honor you?