

MY PEOPLE CELEBRATE

Sermon Series : My People

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Celebrate:

to make widely known, to praise, to make famous, to honor

From *martus* ("testify") we get the English word "martyr,"

The Hebrew word for "testimony" is *edut*, which means "witness" or "record." It contains the idea "duplicate" or "repeat".

It represented — re-presented — His presence among them.

1. Testimonies recycle the past (1 Cor 2:2-5)

Your mess is your message;
Your test is your testimony;
Your story gives God glory

2. Testimonies transform destinies (John 4:39-42)

3. Testimonies lead to triumph (Rom 12:10-11)

4. Testimonies unlock breakthroughs (John 15:26; 6:63)

Acts 1:8; Heb 2:3-4; Rev 19:10

Testimony is When God turns information into transformation.

Prophecy is a testimony of Jesus that hasn't happened yet.

QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to "testify"? Why is this important? (Consider 2 Cor 4:7-18 & 12:6-10)
2. What has God done in your life (recently)? What can you do to celebrate that (individually or as a Group)?
3. Take time (perhaps over a few weeks) to share your "testimony"—NOT the story of how you became a Christian, but the story of God's work in transforming you. Consider these questions:
 - What challenges have you faced? How has God helped you overcome them?
 - What areas of broken has God healed (or is he healing)?
 - What transformation has God worked in you? What events/ experiences facilitated the transformation?

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