

THE POWER OF YOUR TESTIMONY

PSALMS 107:2, REVELATION 12:11

What is a Testimony?

- A testimony giving God *public credit* for what He has done
- To *testify* means to *report*, to *record*, to *provide evidence*, or to *witness*
- Biblically, it is more than just telling a story, it's *you* speaking about God's faithfulness, power, mercy, and intervention in your life
- You testify as a *witness* to God's saving, healing, deliverance, provision, answered prayer, etc. in your life
- When you testify, you are giving a *first-hand account* of what God has done for you
- Your testimony communicates the reality of God's work in a way that glorifies God and *encourages, strengthens, and inspires* others.

The Power of Your Testimony

Psalm 107:2 (KJV) 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

- Telling your testimony is more than just "telling a story", it *spiritual fuel* for you, the church and others
- *Testimonies remind us that God is still at work Psalm 145:4 (KJV) 4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.*
 - When we hear someone's testimony, it pulls our eyes off our problems and onto God's power
 - God is still saving, still healing, still fighting for us, still making a way out of no way, still providing, etc.
- *Testimonies Strengthen Our Faith and Hope Romans 10:17 (KJV) 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*
 - Hearing how God delivered others builds *our expectation* that He will show up for us
 - When you share a testimony of victory, it can spark faith in others who feel hopeless, weary and ready to quit
 - Your testimony may stir someone else's faith ***Hebrews 10:24-25 — "Encourage one another... as you see the Day approaching."***
- *Testimonies Help Us Wage Spiritual Warfare Together Rev. 12:11 (KJV) 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*
 - Your testimony isn't just a "memory"; it's a *spiritual weapon*
 - Hearing a testimony reminds us we are not fighting alone—God is winning battles for others too.
- *Testimonies Deepen the Love in Unity in the Church Body 1 Corinthians 12:26 (ESV) "...if one member is honored, all rejoice together."*
 - Apostle Paul describes the church as a body, whatever happens to one part of the body impacts the *whole body*

THE POWER OF YOUR TESTIMONY

PSALMS 107:2, REVELATION 12:11

- We celebrate each other's victories, bear each other's burdens, and remember we are part of something bigger than ourselves
- It creates a *culture* of celebration and gratitude in the church.
- **Testimonies Are Evangelistic *John 4:39 (ESV) 39 Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did."***
 - The Samaritan woman's testimony led a whole town to Jesus
 - Don't underestimate the power of sharing your testimony
- There's untapped power in your testimony, *tell it!*

What We Lose Without Testimonies

- We are blessed, the church is blessed, and our communities are blessed when we testify, but if we don't we lose
- What do we lose?
- **We Lose Encouragement**
 - Without testimonies, we start to think we're alone in our struggles
 - Faith withers in isolation
- **We Lose Passion**
 - Our testimonies fuel worship
 - Our thankfulness and gratitude *grow* when we testify
- **We Lose Connection**
 - Testimonies build community and trust
 - We lose our spiritual connection with each other
- **We Lose Evangelistic Power**
 - Our testimonies draw the lost, weary, and the hopeless, etc.
 - How will people know that God changes lives if we're not testifying about how God changed *our* lives?

Your Testimony Has Power to Defeat the Enemy

Revelation 12:11 (KJV) 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

- Your testimony is not only giving witness to what God has done in your life; your testimony is a weapon
- This verse reveals we defeat the devil using two primary spiritual weapons
 1. **The Blood the Lamb** is the *source* of victory
 - Jesus shed His blood on the cross for our sins; He paid the price for our salvation
 - Only Jesus' blood:
 - Forgives sin **Ephesians 1:7 (NLT) 7 He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.**

THE POWER OF YOUR TESTIMONY

PSALMS 107:2, REVELATION 12:11

- Cleanses our conscience **Hebrews 9:14 (NLT) 14** ***Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.***
- Remove condemnation **Romans 8:1 (NLT) 1** ***So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.***
 - When the devil comes to accuse you, you say, I'm redeemed, I'm covered by the blood of Jesus. I'm forgiven. I'm free!
- 2. *The Word of your Testimony* is the *sound* of victory
 - Testifying is publicly declaring what God has done in your life
 - Your testimony is both:
 - *Personal* – you're sharing your own story of salvation, deliverance, healing, provision, etc.
 - *Doctrinal* – you're affirming the truth of the Gospel; that Jesus is Lord, Savior and King
 - Your testimony is not just "a story", it's a *weapon*
 - Your testimony silences the accuser
 - When you declare what God has done in your life, the enemy has to flee
 - The devil can't argue with the truth of God work in your life
 - Every time you testify, you're declaring: "The enemy lost, and Jesus won!"
- *Loving not their lives unto death* is the *seal* of victory
 - The believers in Revelation 12 were willing to *risk everything* for God, even their lives
 - Real victory means nothing is more valuable than Jesus, not even life itself
 - Our obedience, faith, and courage *amplify* the power of the blood and your testimony
 - When we surrender fully to God, our testimonies will have power
 1. *Rely* on the blood of Jesus, your foundation for victory
 2. *Declare* your testimony, speak boldly of what God has done
 3. *Surrender* fully, let nothing hold you back from proclaiming God's goodness

THE POWER OF YOUR TESTIMONY

PSALMS 107:2, REVELATION 12:11