

CHAPTER 8

God Wants To Use Your Testimony

Part 1

*God wants to use your testimony!
YES! Your testimony!*

Not your neighbor's, not someone else's. God wants to use your testimony. God will anoint your testimony.

GOD'S WILL:

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.

Revelations 12:11

The "him" is satan. The overcoming by the blood of the Lamb is what Jesus did when He died on the cross and arose from the dead to defeat satan. "By the word of their testimony" — that's YOUR part.

"My part?"

"*Yes, your part!*" When was the last time you told a lost soul what Jesus has done for you?

If you know Jesus as Savior, you have a testimony. Your testimony can be a powerful tool for reaching the lost. What is a testimony? A testimony should have three parts:

1. My life before I knew Jesus.
2. How I got to know Jesus.
3. How Jesus has changed my life.

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That's all there is to it. Sharing a testimony is telling a lost person what you were like before you knew Jesus, how you met Jesus, and how Jesus has changed your life. Your testimony of Jesus should very plainly tell people what Jesus has done for you and what Jesus will do for them. Your testimony can be a powerful tool to reach people who already know you. Will you allow God to use your testimony to reach a lost soul? Will you? It's not hard. Actually it's very easy!

"How can I get started?"

Here's how:

1. Write down on a piece of paper what your life was like before you met Jesus.
2. Write down how you met Jesus.
3. Write down how Jesus changed your life.
4. Write a prayer so the person reading your testimony can ask Jesus to forgive them and come into their heart.
5. Invite the person reading to come and fellowship with you. Give your name, and your church's name, address and phone number.

If you would like a few sample testimonies, call or write and we will send them to you.

Let me tell you what happened the first time I sent out my written testimony. I sent it to a man who had rented a house from me.

A week after I sent it, his wife called and said, "*I want to thank you so much for sending your testimony to my husband.*" He read it and said, "If God could change Jim like that, maybe He can change me."

About a week or so later, I saw this man coming down my driveway. I knew who it was, but he looked different. It was the man I had sent the testimony to. When he got up to my door, he told me that he was saved that Sunday. Praise God! He also said that three other members of

his family were saved that same day. Thank you Jesus.

The testimony I sent was worth about two pennies, the cost of a piece of paper, (Pretty much worthless, or of little or no value). But oh, what God can do with a piece of paper! What the anointing of God can do with a piece of paper! What the anointing of God can do to the person reading that piece of paper!

God did it. God anointed the testimony but it took a willing person to write and give that testimony to someone so God could use it for His purposes.

*Will you let God use
your testimony for His Glory?*

GOD'S WILL:

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.

Revelations 12:11

“And they loved not their lives unto death.” And they were willing to share what Jesus had done for them no matter what the cost. How about you? Are you willing to risk that someone may get mad at you? Are you willing to risk that the person you give your testimony to may reject it? And if they do, you must remember they are not rejecting YOU; they are rejecting JESUS.

Fear and pride stop many Christians from sharing their testimonies. If they have stopped you, repent and seek God's help and take authority over them. Fear and pride are not of God. If you need prayer support in breaking the strongholds of fear and pride, call us and we will help you break these bondages in Jesus' name.

***God anoints paper and sends His power
through the hands of a man.***

Do You Know God's Will For Your Life?

One day the Lord led me to give a man a couple of written testimonies and a small Red Tract Bible. Three months passed and I saw the man one day and he said, "You know I go to church now. Do you remember those testimonies you gave me? I put them on my desk and a couple of weeks ago I just felt I had to pick up that little red bible." He said, "When I did, something went through my hands. I never felt anything like that before. My wife told me the only time she ever felt anything like that was in church. I was saved and baptized."

The power of the Holy Spirit went through the man's hands. If you will share your testimony to God's Glory, God will anoint it.

On another occasion, I gave my testimony to a clerk in a bank. A week later my wife went to the bank. The lady I gave it to thanked my wife for me giving it to her. She said to my wife, "*You know that void or emptiness your husband had, I have that too. Do you think I could go to church with you?*" We visited her house a few days later and prayed with her.

Again, it was just a piece of paper. But oh, what God can do with a piece of paper. God did it, but He needed someone to write their testimony and give it to a lost soul so He could save them. Are you ready to share your testimony to God's Glory? If you will give them out, God will touch people through them! God will anoint your testimony!

The following are just a few ways to share your written testimony:

1. Give one to every person you know . . . friends, family, co-worker, neighbors.
2. When paying bills, insert them with your payment . . . phone bill, water bill, gas bill, light

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bill, car payment, house payment. Just imagine somebody is working and they open your payment and receive Jesus! *Praise God!*

3. Send one to every member of your high school graduating class.
4. When you eat out, leave one along with your tip.
5. When you stay in a hotel, leave one along with a tip for the person that cleans your room.
6. Send one to every person on your Christmas mailing list.
7. As you go through your daily duties, keep one handy to give to anyone the Holy Spirit may lead you to. Keep a stash in your car.
8. Send one to people you do business with . . . barber, hair dresser, doctor, lawyer, accountant.
9. Send one to your Public Officials.
10. Keep open for every opportunity. Example, a young boy lost his baseball glove; and our son found it. We called the phone number that was written in the glove. His mother picked up the glove and we gave her a copy of our testimony.
11. Business owners . . . give a testimony to every customer.

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Will you allow Him to?***

Souls are counting on you!



CHAPTER 9

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Part 2

GOD'S WILL:

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.

Revelations 12:11

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GOD'S WILL:

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

Psalms 107:1-2

Redeem means, to deliver from sin, to pay off, to purchase, to exchange, to take one’s place. Who is the Redeemer? The one that paid the price for the redeemed. What was that price? His life! His blood! His resurrection! Who is the Redeemer? JESUS.

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Jesus died for the sins of all people. Who are the redeemed? Those that have received forgiveness of sin by accepting Jesus Christ and the work that He did when He shed His blood on the cross for them.

GOD'S WILL:

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

Psalms 107:2

Say so? What does that mean?

To say so is to brag, boast, certify, declare, publish, tell, speak or announce publicly. So what's it mean for the redeemed of the Lord to say so?

Let the Redeemed (*those delivered from sin, bought with the price of Jesus' blood, Christians*) say so, let them (*brag, boast, certify, declare, publish, tell, speak, or announce publicly*) how Jesus has set them free from the hand of satan. The Redeemed (*Christians*) are to share the **WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY** with those that are lost, so they, too, will have the chance of being redeemed.

When is the last time you shared your testimony with a lost person? When was the last time you bragged or boasted to a lost person about Jesus and what He has done for you?

So what does it mean, let the redeemed of the Lord say so? I like to say it this way! It means, to shout from the roof tops that this is my Jesus; this is what Jesus has done for me and this is what Jesus will do for you. Come and meet Jesus.

How often should we share our testimony to God's Glory?

GOD'S WILL:

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence,

Isaiah 62:6

Unceasingly all the time.

*How often should we be ready
to share our testimony to God's Glory?*

GOD'S WILL:

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

I Peter 3:15

Always be ready. Be constantly ready.

*Are you ready to share the hope that is in you
with the people God brings into your life today?*

*Should we share our testimony about
the Blessings God has given us?*

GOD'S WILL:

I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

Isaiah 63:7

Do You Know God's Will For Your Life?

YES! We should always take every opportunity to brag on what God has done and will do.

Should my testimony be irrepressible?

GOD'S WILL:

For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 4:20

Yes! Your testimony should be irrepressible!

The world should not be able to stop it. You should not be able to contain it. You should not be able to hold it in. It should come forth like a flood! It should come forth like a river of life and touch all that are around you. God did not save you just for you. You have been saved to help others get saved. Your testimony of Jesus should flow freely from your lips. You should be infectious. You should be using your testimony to infect others with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Should I share my testimony to God's Glory?

GOD'S WILL:

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

Psalms 96:3

YES! You should share your testimony to his glory among the lost and His miracles among all people.

Did Jesus ever say to share a testimony?

GOD'S WILL:

And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

Mark 5:18-19

Jesus said go tell your family and friends the testimony of how I set you free. Do you think Jesus is still telling those that He has set free to go home and tell their family & friends? ABSOLUTELY. His message has not changed. "Go Tell." Have you been set free? Has Jesus delivered you from the hand of satan? Have you told anybody? Have you used your testimony to reach a lost person?

Are you embarrassed to share your testimony?

GOD'S WILL:

Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

2 Timothy 1:8

Be Not Ashamed!

What did David say about giving testimonies?

GOD'S WILL:

That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Psalms 26:7

David was saying that he would testify, that he would tell people about all the great works that he has seen God do.

GOD'S WILL:

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

Psalms 145:10-12

Saints are to testify, to speak, to talk of God's glory and power to the sons of men (*the lost*).

GOD'S WILL:

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among all people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Isaiah 12:3-4

When you are saved, you should joyfully testify of your salvation and declare all of God's doings among all people. Are you joyfully sharing your testimony of Jesus with people?

Does God work through testimonies today?

YES! Let me share a testimony with you.

One day I met a man at my business. I had hired him to haul some material away. We talked a little and I told him I had a cassette tape called "The Healing Testimony" and I wanted to give him a copy of it, but I had forgotten to bring it and left it at home. I said, "*Since I forgot the tape, could I just tell you about what is on it?*"

He said, "OK."

I told him how I had been saved. How Jesus changed

my life. How Jesus healed me of what the doctors called an incurable blood disease. After I shared that with him, he asked if I would still give him a copy of the tape. I said, "Yes" and he followed me home.

I gave him the tape and he said, "*I must go now.*"

When he said that, I put my hand on his shoulder and asked, "*Can I pray for you?*"

He replied, "Yes."

I prayed for him and he cried. I asked him if he was ready to receive Jesus.

He said, "*I CAN'T do it!*"

The Holy Spirit led me to look him straight in the eyes and to say, "*In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I command that his tongue be set free now in Jesus' Name.*" Again I asked him, "*Are you ready to receive Jesus?*"

He said, "*YES I AM!*" He prayed and asked Jesus to come into his heart and change his life. This all happened on a Friday.

On Monday the man's wife called and she said, "*I don't know what you did to my husband, but this is the first weekend in thirteen years that my husband has not been drunk.*" Praise God! He is still saving and setting the captive free!

YES! God works through testimonies today! Will you allow God to use your testimony?

GOD'S WILL:

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

John 12:32

Jesus knew that he would be lifted up on the cross. The IF was not for then; it was for the future. The IF was for you and me. The IF was for all Christians. 'And I, if I be lifted up.' I believe Jesus was saying that if those who believe in Him will continue to lift up His Name, con-

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tinue to share testimony to His glory, then He will draw all men unto Himself. The man I just told you about was saved because Jesus was lifted up in the sharing of a testimony.

GOD'S WILL:

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

John 12:32

The word draw in the Greek means to drag. When Jesus was lifted up and that man made the choice to receive Jesus, Jesus dragged him out of the hand of the enemy. He saved his soul, broke a thirteen-year alcohol addiction, and restored a husband to his wife and a father to his children.

Yes! God anoints & uses testimonies.

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