

“Testimony”



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Is there something (or things) you did in the past that you do not want to talk (or think) about because it is something that goes against the Word of God? I know I do.^[a] Unfortunately, even after repenting, I shrouded myself and these parts of my past in guilt and shame trying to hide both myself and these things.

Well, there is a verse in Revelation that addresses this:

“They overcame him [the accuser of the brethren] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.” Rev. 12:11 (NIV)

Believers overcome by the word of their testimony. Hmmmm, so what is a testimony? Testimony as defined by Dictionary.com is:

1.) Law. The statement or declaration of a witness under oath or affirmation, usually in court. 2.) evidence in support of a fact or statement; proof. 3.) open declaration or profession, as of faith. 4.) Usually, testimonies. The precepts of God. 5.) the Decalogue as inscribed on the two tables of the law, or the ark in which the tables were kept. Ex. 16:34; 25:16. 6.) Archaic. A declaration of disapproval; pro-

test.

You see, the fact that our Heavenly Father loves and accepts us despite these things proves how great his love and grace are. Those who hear our testimonies (even the bad and the ugly) see the proof that God’s grace is sufficient to cover our sins and/or any terrible things that may have been done to us, are more apt to believe that he loves and gives grace to them as well. Our open declaration of who we are in Christ and of what he’s done for us breaks the power of the lies the enemy has told us or those around us.

Keep in mind also, The Word of God is HIS testimony. Reading through the Bible we see some sad things but we also see how God has entered into those circumstances^[b] and used them to bring good. He did it there and is willing to do the same in our lives.

Notes:

[a] Do n’t let your imagination run wild here. What may seem major to one person may seem minor to another. [b] Rom. 8:28

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“Want A Move Of God?” (Teaching Sketch)

Mark 16:12-19 (NIV)



Have you, as a Believer, ever longed for a move of God, prayed for a move of God, or expected a move of God?

People over many decades have prayed for God to make a big move. Believers have wanted God to step in and bring the power of Christ, with great fanfare, into the world. This move would then serve to demonstrate to all that God is real, Jesus the Christ is real, and that God’s word is real.

Move Of God

God is always moving!

This statement often comes as a surprise to people. The whole of the universe is held into place by God’s Word! To observe a move of God all one needs do is watch the sun, the moon, and the stars move across the day and the night sky as the earth also moves within its established path. The seasons change the cycle

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of life and death is played out over and over as God had moved and planned long ago!

Jesus Came

God moved through individuals such as Adam, Noah, Moses, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and John the Baptist to name a few leading up to Jesus the Christ coming to bring the great move of God to all mankind. The move of Jesus brought salvation—restoration to all who would accept him as Lord and Savior!

The Greatest Move

The greatest move to this day is Jesus the Christ! He ushered in God’s desire to not only restore mankind to the original position occupied in the Garden of Eden but to demonstrate mankind’s delegated authority and delegated power on planet earth as God had originally intended. This can only be understood if a

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Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

Scripture: Mark 16:12-19 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

¹²Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. ¹³These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

¹⁴Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

¹⁵He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but

Notes: whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

¹⁹After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship** ([Offerings are placed in the basket at this time.](#))
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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person understands the words God spoke when he created mankind:

Move In Faith

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

²⁸And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:27-

28 KJV)

Believer, to see a move of God all you need to do is move in faith. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit so we could not only move in faith but in doing so be empowered by the Holy Spirit to demonstrate once again dominion as expressed in Genesis Chapter one!

Our scripture tells us what we are empowered and expected to do! We who believe are to expect and demonstrate the power of God moving through us on a regular daily

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cessful man told me, "Success leaves clues." I never forgot those words. I quickly saw that statement could easily be applied to Believers being followed—accompanied by the signs of God having moved in and through them!

You see, when we use our faith on purpose, there is a move of God!

Believer, you are a walking talking move of God when you demonstrate the truth of the words of Jesus regarding the signs that are to follow you. Do you want to see a move of God? Then move!