

## I-Witness

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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To be a witness to Christ is to demonstrate our words, actions, attitude by seeing, hearing and believing about our Lord God who forgives us and guarantees our eternal life. Through our testimony a public confession of faith and journey with the Lord. we proudly share our relationship with God.

Fr. Bobby underscored the purpose underlying God's call to us as chosen ones in sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thess.2:13-14). Based on his personal experience, he learned to trust God (Prov. 3:5-6). Moreover, he realized the importance of a family relationship and a supportive community in fostering one's relationship with others and with God.

### **A. Importance of Having a Healthy Relationship in the Family and Having a community**

In developing healthy relationship with the family & community, we should

**1. Talk openly and honestly with our children about what matters to them.** Be consistent in your thoughts and be steadfast in your words (Sir.5:12). Fr. Bobby's early childhood was a declaration of independence detached from his family.

**2. Never use threats of harm, violence to get/assert your own way.** Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen (Eph.4:29).

**3. Do not hit your children whether physical or verbal.** Fathers do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them, rather bring them up to the discipline & instruction that comes from the Lord (Eph. 6:4).

### **4. Respect and say good things to your children.**

Proverbs 16:24- Gracious words are honeycomb sweet to the soul and healing to the bones (Prov. 16:24).

### **5. Spend time with others in the community.**

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to live together in unity (Ps. 133:1-2). Being part of the community gives us a sense of belonging. It enables us to share personal relatedness and support perpetual growth of each other and to ourselves.

### **Conclusion:**

The best witness is someone who experiences the Lord and glorifies Him. We are witnessing to our experiences of God's impact on our life. In Corpus Christi, God gave His all: the body and blood (Eucharist). When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death Lord until You come again (1Cor.11:26). Finally, we also have the capacity to give our all so that we may become the source of inspiration to others.

### **Reflection:**

1. What aspect of your life, do you think needs to be improved to maintain a healthy relationship with your family?
2. In witnessing about your life, how courageous are you to share your testimony to the community?

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