I am a Living, Breathing, Walking Testimony

A Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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Witnessing and Testimony are both important because they show the power of God in our life. **Witnessing** is about sharing the Gospel, what Jesus has done for humanity, and people will get salvation through Him (Acts 1:8). On the other hand, **Testimony** means telling others about what Jesus has done in our life and glorifying God (Ps. 66:16). Let our life be a testimony of our faith and God's power.



1. Biblical persons who **WITNESSED**: John the Baptist declared Jesus as the Son of God (Jn. 1:29-34); Peter boldly proclaimed what they had seen (Acts 4:18-20); Paul was sent to preach (Acts 26:15-18); the Samaritan Woman (Jn. 4:28-30); the disciples Andrew (Jn. 1:40-42) and Philip (Jn. 1:45-46).

2. Biblical Persons who **TESTIFIED:** the man who *was* born blind – "I was blind but now I see" (Jn. 9:25); the demon possessed man was healed by Jesus (Mk. 5:18-20); Paul was a persecutor but was transformed (1 Tim. 1:12-16); David was given renewed hope (Ps. 40:1-3); and the Israelites testified to the miraculous crossing of the Jordan (Josh 4:6-7).

3. **WITNESSING was the last mandate of Jesus to His disciples:** "*Go and make disciples…* (Mt. 28:18-20). We too are called to fill the world with the Gospel: "*I have appeared to appoint you to serve and bear witness…"* (Acts 26:16).
   - 3.1. Saul was transformed from an executioner to an apostle (Acts 9).
   - 3.2. Similarly, we have been given the boldness to witness for God. The Gospel must spread to the entire world. Hence, everyone we meet is our mission field.
   - 3.3. The power of the Holy Spirit empowers and gives us courage, confidence, authority, and extraordinary strength (2 Tim.1:7). We sometimes make the mistake of running out without the Holy Spirit's help. We must pray and seek the help of the Holy Spirit; then He will take over and supercharge us.
   - 3.4. In churches today, there are many workers but few witnesses; there are many leaders but not witnesses. We are the epistle: we witness best when we witness with our life (Jn. 15:26-27).

4. **Our TESTIMONY is a declaration of God's goodness, faithfulness, mercy, power, and transforming grace.** Let us share the story of God's intervention in our lives: healing, deliverance, forgiveness, and provisions. We must share how God has changed our hearts; how Jesus has sustained us through difficult situations and has kept our faith alive. We must tell the world that "*I am a living, breathing, walking testimony. I am living proof of what the Lord has done*."

5. **There are five (5) Reasons to TESTIFY:**
   - 5.1. We glorify God (Ps 34:1-3). When we share, we acknowledge God's grace in our lives; it is not about our own efforts. When people hear our testimony, they will be amazed by how good God is.
   - 5.2. We strengthen the faith of others. We inspire others who may be facing discouragement, trials, doubts. We remind others that the same God can help them.
   - 5.3. We remind others of God's faithfulness (Ps. 10). Let us advertise for God and we will be blessed.
   - 5.4. We reveal the transforming power of Jesus; His promises come true (Mk. 5:18-20).
   - 5.5. Our testimony preserves God's work for the next generation. God has sustained and strengthened our Lord's Flock community. Our history must inspire gratitude, not pride or self-gratification. It must inspire commitment, not complacency. Our testimony will be a legacy of faith.

6. **There are three steps to a testimony:** Our life BEFORE; Our ENCOUNTER with Jesus, and Our life AFTER. We can testify to the peace we have found; or that when we are weak, we are strong.

CONCLUSION. God has been sustaining us today in our daily struggles. Our testimony is a witness to God's faithfulness. Love is renewed every morning, every moment.

"*I am LIVING because God has preserved me.*
I am still BREATHING" (Gen. 2:7); *I contain the breath of life* (Eze. 37:5).
I am still WALKING by faith, not by sight."

Thus, let us plant seeds of faith and encourage others to follow Jesus.

REFLECTION:

1) How are you giving God the glory?
2) How have you told the next generation about God's faithfulness?

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