

Testify!

Did You Know?

The word for testimony in the Bible is linked to words like witness and martyr as well. It is the fuel to glorify God by showing how He has worked in your life personally. Through your testimony, you show that God is still moving today, that God is all-powerful, that God is real. And your trust in Him is increased and made stronger through telling of the impossible feats God has already made possible! Don't stay silent! Your testimony has the power of victory in it!

Monday, March 4, 2013

Read: Revelation 12:10-12

Discuss: Although this is a very short passage, it shows us the power of God through Jesus' blood and our testimony. God wants us to speak out our testimony about Him, to share our story of how God has done great things in our own lives. What truths are written into this passage about testimony? How do the heavens react to the victory of the saints? What are the two ways that you are victorious right now according to verse 11?

Act: Take about 10 minutes to think back on your life. Think about the before picture, then your salvation, and now your life as God is continuing to bless and guide you? Has God ever failed you? What are some of the main differences between your old life and your Christ life? Write down your testimony. Be able to tell others about what God has done for you. Your testimony is precious and powerful for victory in your life and in other people's lives!

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

Read: John 9:14-34

Discuss: This is a powerful testimony by a man who barely knew Jesus. But his newness to the problems Jesus caused for the religious leaders show his testimony as being so powerful that these wicked leaders are actually repulsed by it! They even bring in his parents to speak for him, but there's a great truth found in these verses. No one else can tell your testimony as powerfully as you can. What strikes you as most interesting in this interchange between the man and the leaders?

Act: Are you afraid to give your testimony? What's the worst that can happen? Rejection? Death? Why are you so afraid? Do you think your testimony is not worth hearing? God

can use whatever you speak for His purposes. Be confident in your testimony and let God do the rest!

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Discuss: How did Paul maintain a balance between the dangers and realities of what he and his friends faced as they traveled and preached the Gospel? We don't have to ignore the reality of our situation. In fact, we should give it to God and let Him bear the burden. Paul is real about what he's going through. But in his testimony, Paul shows how God has brought him and his friends through these trials!

Act: What is your current trial that you are going through? How have you been handling it? Have you been trusting in God? Is this trial like any others you have already faced, and with God's help, conquered? We don't have to minimize our situation to get victory. Tell it like it is, because you will find that God is still the hero of the story!

Thursday, March 7, 2013

Read: Exodus 15:1-18

Discuss: This is the part of Exodus that is called "Moses' Song" because Moses and God's people have just miraculously crossed the Red Sea. They didn't know that God would save them from the impending doom of the following Pharaoh army. But God did rescue them. And now, because their joy overflows, they sing about God's power and kindness to them.

Act: Moses and Israel did not wait long after God's amazing feat to praise Him for it and recount it, much like songs of warriors are made and their legend grows. God has quite a legend of doing these impossible and huge things, not just in the world at large, but in your life. When God brings your battle to victorious close, don't forget to praise Him for it properly, recounting it as a testimony of His power in your life!

Friday, March 8, 2013

Read: Hebrews 11:32-38

Discuss: You may not realize it, but just in reading the Bible every day, you are exposing yourself to the testimonies of countless generations that have seen God intervene in their worst situations and bring victory and peace to them. There's not enough room to testify when we get going! And this happens to the writer of Hebrews. We should get a little

overwhelmed at the wonderfulness and power, if not sheer amount, of what God has done for us!

Act: What kind of legend is God building in your life? What kinds of stories have people heard about how great He is in you? Have you been keeping His powerful work a secret? Is the world worthy of you or is God's greatness in your life too powerful to keep quiet? Go and share a great story of the impossible odds, and the God who came through for you!

Saturday, March 9, 2013

Read: Psalm 3:1-8

Discuss: One of the most common types of Psalms is when David tells us the stories of his foes coming after him and the danger that His life is in. He's brutally honest about the danger of the situation, his feelings about how God is helping him, or seemingly not helping him. And yet, every one of these types of Psalms ends with David praising God for His salvation.

Act: Do you forget to praise God for the victories, great and small? There is nothing too big or too small for God to do in your life. A miracle is great, whether it is fantastic to us or mundane-sounding. What are some ways that you can praise God for what He has done in your life? No matter how tough life gets, take moments to glorify God for even bringing you this far!

Sunday, March 10, 2013

Read: Revelation 12:10-12

Discuss: This is a text to prepare you for Pastor Reynold's message this morning about the awesome power of God.

Act: Listen to the word that Pastor Reynold has to share and ask God how you can best apply it to your life right now.