

**Agape House of Worship
Midweek Service & Bible Study**

Title – The Key Aspects of Testimony

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Key Scriptures: Psalm 66:16, Psalm 107:1-2, Acts 1:8, Rev. 12:11

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"Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul." Psalm 66:16

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Psalm 107:1-2

"But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power to testify about me with great effect, to the people in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, about my death and resurrection." Acts 1:8 Living Bible

What Does Testimony Mean in Christianity?

- "Sharing (or giving) a testimony" in Christianity is telling someone else about your relationship with Jesus.
- A public profession of your faith journey/encounter you had with God.
- To share with others how God brought you through a situation you couldn't solve without God's supernatural solution. Examples – salvation, healing, deliverance, financial blessing, etc.
- Testimony is a Godly praise report and every testimony has its purpose.

What are some good testimony topics to share with others?

The Purpose of Testimony

1. **To glorify God** - *"Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!" 1 Chronicles 16:29*
2. **To edify and encourage others** - *"...But Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him." Luke 8:38-39*
3. **To overcome the devil** – *"Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." Revelation 12:10-11*
4. **To Thank God for our blessing or breakthrough** – *"And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." Luke 17:15-19*

Three Ways We Communicate Our Testimony

1. Verbal - In Acts 13:15 Paul tells us, “If you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak.”

- Speaking about your faith journey.
- Speaking a word of encouragement to others.
- Think of a time in your life (and there will be many) that you felt helpless or alone and God came and filled the gap in your life.
- If a friend laments about a problem similar to one you faced, empathize, then tell how God helped you find a solution. Finding that connecting point opens the door for your testimony to be received. Who do we share our testimony with?
- The length of time of your testimony should be situation based. It’s good to have short, medium and long versions of your testimony.

2. Written

- Use writing to convey your testimony to others.
- You can use cards, letters, emails, texts, WhatsApp, social media, etc. to share your testimony
- If you are a writer, God may call you to write a book or article. Listen to His prompting and use your talents to obey Him.

3. Your Lives - 2 Corinthians 3:3 says, “You are a letter from Christ...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the Living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”

- You are sharing your testimony by what you do and the way you live. You are the only bible some people will read.
- People are watching you as you navigate each day, they observe how you respond to difficulty and adversity.

AHOWFC General Testimony Outline

1. The issue: this is needed if your testimony is a result of a problem, a challenge you went through, or an obstacle you dealt with. Briefly describe the issue without distracting with too many unnecessary details.

2. Your response: Your response is what you did in response to the challenge (pray, fasted, believed God, someone prayed for me, etc.). Sometimes it is good to share any unbiblical response you had (e.g. anger, doubt, fear, etc.)

3. God's response: This is the essence of your testimony, tell us how God came through and gave you the miracle. Remember the essence of your testimony is to give glory to God, not you or anyone else.

Guidelines

- Understand you are on a special assignment from another
- Stay within the time limit given by your leaders
- End your testimony on a high note which inspires & encourages others that are going through what you just overcame