

TESTIMONY SEMINAR

1 Paul's Testimony to the King and His Court.

Paul's Early Life

Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself." So Paul stretched out his hand and answered for himself:

2 "I think myself "happy, King Agrippa, because today I shall answer "for myself before you concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews,

3 "especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which have to do with the Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently.

4 "My manner of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews know.

5 "They knew me from the first, if they were willing to testify, that according to "the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

6 ""And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers.

7 "To this *promise* "our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, "hope to attain.

For this hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews.

8 "Why should it be thought incredible by you that God raises the dead?

9 "Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things 'contrary to the name of "Jesus of Nazareth.

10 ""This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority "from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against *them*.

11 ""And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme: and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

Paul Recounts His Jesus Experience

12 "While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 "at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me.

14 "And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? *it is* hard for you to kick against the goads:

15 "So I said 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

16 "But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, "to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.

17 'I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as from the Gentiles, "to whom I now send you,

18 "to open their eyes, in *order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are 'sanctified' by faith in Me.'

Paul's Post-Conversion Life

19 "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

20 "but 'declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of

Judea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.

21 "For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill *me*.

22 "Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those °which the prophets and stand, said would come-

23 "that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and 'would proclaim light to the *Jewish* people and to the Gentiles."

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25 But he said, "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason.

26 "For the king, before whom I also speak freely, 'knows these things; for-tam convinces that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner.

27 "King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe."

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You almost persuade me to become a Christian."

29 And Paul said, 0, would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as i am, except for these chains."

30 When he had said these things, the king stood up, as well as the governor and Bernice and those who sat with them;

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#2 We have just listened to Paul's testimony to King Agrippa, Bernice, Governor Festus and the court in Caesarea. Let's see how we can implement scripture to impact the world using YOUR TESTIMONY.

Full Gospel Businessmen's Training - Fire Teams - Moving with Power!

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4 What mission did Jesus have?

Luke 15:11-22

v. 11 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?

v. 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

v. 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

A House Divided Cannot Stand

14. And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled.

15. But some of them said, He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of demons."

16. Others, Testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven.

17. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.

18. If Satan is also divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub.

19. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges.

20. But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

21. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace.

22. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils.

23. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters."

5 Bring my children back to me

6 Yes indeed, but what is the Good News?

The Good News

Your Father still loves you!

He never stopped loving you!

He wants you back so much He sent Jesus to come for you!

All you have to do is let Him bring you back!

7 What mission do YOU have?

8 What is the Full Gospel?

9 It is living the fullness of the Gospel, where your life manifests Jesus to the world.

Signs and Wonders flow from you as you operate in communion with the Holy Spirit, so that the people may believe.

10 After spending 40 days in the wilderness and being tempted by Satan, Jesus returns to Galilee victorious to begin His ministry in the power of the Spirit.

Luke 4:16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

v. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:18,19

11 The Greatest Need? They want to know if Jesus is *REAL* !

12 Our Jesus Experience

13 Your Testimony: The Most Powerful Weapon

Revelation 12:11 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.

Tell them about your past, it will relate them to you

Tell them how the Holy Spirit has been working in your life, it will amaze them

Above all tell them about your Jesus Experience, it will lead them to salvation!

14 Our Mission

Show the world that *Jesus is real* witnessing about our relationship

Use the *power* He has given to us as evidence that He is with us and supports us

Lead the men to reconcile themselves with the Father, *that the relationship would be restored*

15 Fisher of Men

1. I'll Find Out My Friend's Need

This is the door through which God will come into his life

2. I'll Share My Testimony With Him My testimony will be similar to his need. That's why God put him in my life!

3. I'll Minister The Needed Miracle!

The problem he declares with his mouth will be the miracle God will do!

4. I'll Reconcile My Friend To God

This is why God put me in his life! Jesus reaching him through me!

5. I'll Minister The Father's Promise

The New Birth and the baptism of the Holy Spirit at the same time!

6. I'll Send Him Home As A Missionary To His Family

He already has a testimony of his meeting with God . He can bring his family into the Kingdom that same day!

7. I'll Invite Him To My Chapter

We'll teach him how to be a Fisher of men to all his family and friends. This is how the Golden Chain starts!

16 When I was a child, I loved to play soccer. When I was just a few years old I was diagnosed with Legg Perthes Disease, which prevented me from being able to run and play like the other kids. We traveled back and forth to Shriner's hospital for crippled children in Houston, TX for treatment. When we first went, they showed our family x-rays of how my hip socket and hip had deteriorated nearly 40%. They put me into traction for two weeks and then fitted me for braces and a wheelchair. Over a two year period of time, friends were constantly praying for me. I can remember many moments when the power of God would cover me and I knew that His hand was at work. Even though I was young, I remember making a commitment to follow Jesus and being empowered by His Spirit to be a witness to my friends. In April of 1992, when we went for a final check up, the doctors showed us new x-rays that revealed a complete and total healing! There was no need for a surgery, and I could play soccer again!

Because I knew that God had the power to heal, I was not worried when I found out that my mom had colon cancer. She loved Jesus with her whole heart and was the strongest positive influence in my life. At the age of 16, when I was on a choir tour in South Carolina, I received a phone call that my mom had passed away. I was in such absolute shock that I literally asked God to bring her back. It was at this pivotal point of my life that I made a conscious choice to draw nearer to the cross, instead of letting this even push me away. In the eight years since my mother's death, I have seen God use that circumstance to propel me into greater ministry for His kingdom. Without her death, my wife and I would not have become friends and married, or had our first son, Kason. We are both alumni from Texas A&M University Commerce and now serve there as campus missionaries. God's grace has allowed me to earn a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and I am now working on a Master's in Theology. In addition to working on campus through the gifts of the Holy Spirit such as tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy, and healing, I have had the opportunity to travel to Mexico, Jamaica, and India spreading the same Gospel that radically changed me.

17 Now that you have heard my testimony, I would like for you to know God more like I do.

You may invite Jesus to come and live inside of you by sincerely praying the following prayer, according to Romans 10:9-10. Please pray this out loud.

"Lord Jesus...I want to stop trusting in myself...and what I can do...and start trusting in You...and what You have already done...When You died for me on the cross...I know that I am a sinner...And I am sorry for my sins...I ask You to forgive me...And I invite You to come and live inside of me...I want You to be My Savior...And my Lord...Which means being #1 in my life...I want to repent and turn away...From everything You and the Bible call sin...And I totally commit myself...To obeying You...Everyday, for the rest of my life. Lord Jesus, baptize me in the Holy Spirit. Thank You Jesus."

18 You may use this as Worksheet to Develop Your Testimony:

**God will bring before us men and women whose needs mirror our testimony:
Our testimony will give them hope in God!**

My Life Before Christ (25%):

My Jesus Experience (25%):

My Life in Christ (50%):

19 A Friend Next Door

**You lived next door to me for years, we
shared our dreams, our joys and tears.
A friend to me you were indeed, a friend
who helped me, when in need.
My faith in you was strong and sure, we
had such trust as should endure,
No spat between us ever rose, our friends
were like — and so, our foes.
What sadness then my friend to find, that
after all you weren't so kind.**

**The day my life on earth did end, I found
you weren't a faithful friend. For all those years we spent on earth, you
never talked of second birth,
You never spoke of my lost soul, and of
the Christ who'd make me whole.
I plead today from hell's cruel fire, and
tell you now my least desire.
You cannot do a thing for me, no words
today my bonds will free.
But do not err, my friend again, do all you
can for souls of men,
Plead with them now quite earnestly, lest
they be cast in hell with me.**