

TESTIMONIES REVEAL GOD'S NATURE

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A testimony is the written or spoken record of anything that God has done. Every part of that record becomes your family history the moment you are born again.

- **Ps. 119:111**

"I have inherited Your testimonies forever, for they are the joy of my heart".

What does this mean?

- This means that every story of every miracle or sign that God has ever preformed is your story because you are related to the God who made them happen.

A Testimony

- A testimony reveals the nature of God and how He does things – His ways. This awareness of who God is creates an expectation in our hearts for God's ways to be manifested in our lives.
- The Hebrew root word for "testimony" means, "to do again". Every record of what God has done in generations past is a promise of what He will do again in our lives. **Hebrews 13:8** says, "He is the same yesterday, today and forever", and **Acts 10:34**, "God is no respecter of persons". What He does for one, He does for all.

Revelations 19:10

"The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

When we declare what God has done, power is released to make that testimony happen again in the lives of those who hear it.

When the enemy, Satan, tries to steal our testimony by deceiving us with a lie, believing that its not important, or try's to tell us, "who wants to hear your story anyway"and we don't share it, then the power to have it done again is gone.

- **John 10:10** says,

"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy...."

Revelations 12:11

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony....”

In the Old Testament when Gods testimonies were declared, battles were won like when Gideon defeats the Midianites with 300 men. **(Judges 7)** Joshua in Jericho heard the Lord and declared to his people to march around the city 7 times blowing the trumpets and giving a shout, and the walls of Jericho collapsed. **(Joshua 6)**

When God’s people forgot God’s testimony they were defeated.

- **Psalm 78:9-11**

*“The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows,
Turned back in the day of battle. They did not keep the covenant of God;
They refused to walk in His law, And forgot His works And His wonders that He had
shown them.”*

- These Spiritual Laws hold true today. When I hear someone’s testimony of being healed by Jesus, finances turned around by Jesus, relationships mended by Jesus.....I get fired up. They are the **Joy** of my heart. My faith grows because I know that these miracles will happen again and this makes me want to give a shout. Yahoo Jesus.
- On the other hand, when I forget God’s testimony and I am not sharing what Jesus is doing in my life or others, like how Jesus gave my friend Mark new ears.....I tend to forget about all the healing Jesus has done. The next time someone has a need, I find that the expectation is gone.

Creating expectation

- Our expectation of God determines our level of faith. All of Christ’s commands, from “heal the sick” to “love your neighbor” are only possible to fulfill through the supernatural empowerment of His Spirit that comes through faith.

By faith – It’s by faith in God’s testimonies that we come to understand God’s Ways

- Hebrews 11:29-31

“By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians,

attempting to do so, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace."

- **Romans 10:17**

"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

We **hear** through testimonies.....Gods testimonies.....our own and others. We **hear** through CD's, books, classes, and the Word. This is Gods nature, His ways, and how He reveals Himself to us.

- **John 8:31-32**

"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

We all have a testimony or story. If you can't come up with your own personal experience it's OK, use one of God's, He said these are your as well.