

JESUS: OUR TESTIMONY

John 1:29-37

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1. From John the Baptist's example, it is important when witnessing to others for us to know our AUDIENCE. We can discern things happening in others' lives through the COUNSEL of the Holy Spirit.
2. When seeking help from the Holy Spirit:
 - We can pray for HIS PRESENCE when the opportunity arises to share our testimony.
 - We can pray for those with whom we are to share our testimony that the Holy Spirit will reveal to us WITH WHOM WE ARE TO SHARE OUR TESTIMONY, and they will be RECEPTIVE to that which we share.
 - We can pray to have INSIGHT about what is happening in the life of whom we are to witness.
 - We are to know our STORY before we are called to share it.
 - (1 Peter 3:15) We are always to be prepared to "MAKE A DIFFERENCE to anyone who asks you for a reason for the HOPE that is in you."
 - We can pray for the Holy Spirit to speak THROUGH US.
 - (Luke 12:12) "The Holy Spirit will give you THE WORDS TO SAY at the moment when you need them."
3. When sharing our testimony:
 - We are to ENGAGE others in CONVERSATION.
 - The biggest obstacle we must overcome when sharing God's love for us is FEAR of how someone might react to our interaction.
4. When we engage people in conversation, we need to be RELATABLE.
 - The making of disciples occurs through RELATIONSHIPS.
 - We need to build rapport so others might consider our story of God's love as being credible and true.
 - Developing relationships often requires us to be VULNERABLE.

5. In response to Jesus' love for us, we should be EXCITED to tell of Jesus and his AMAZING GRACE.
- Our testimony needs to include the TRUTH of the gospel, and it is available for all who place their HOPE AND TRUST in him.
 - The truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ is at the PINNACLE of everyone's CHRISTIAN WITNESS.
 - It leads the BROKEN to seek FORGIVENESS and CLAIMING Jesus as their Savior.
6. The truth of the gospel leads to NEW BEGINNINGS.
- Where we put off THE OLD WAYS of sin and destruction, and put on the RIGHTOUSNESS of God.
 - We become one of his redeemed children.
 - Heaven is our inheritance.
 - Love, peace and joy are present.
 - It is our hope that our testimony about Jesus and his amazing grace will result in a NEW BEGINNING and a new LIFE in Christ.
7. When someone is ready to confess their sin and accept Jesus as their Savior, Jesus COMES to them through the work of the HOLY SPIRIT.
8. In the role of sharing our testimony, we also need to know our PURPOSE.
- We are merely God's MOUTHPIECE for the Holy Spirit to speak to the heart of others.
 - The job of SALVATION is not ours, but that of the HOLY SPIRIT.
 - Our job is to share GOD'S LOVE and trust He will use it for HIS GLORY.
9. Our job doesn't STOP after sharing our TESTIMONY.
- Once someone accepts Jesus as their Savior, we need to MENTOR THE GROWTH of their faith, WALKING ALONGSIDE of them as they seek to follow Jesus.
10. Jesus is our testimony, WORTHY OF OUR sharing. May we SERVE by sharing our testimony about His great love.