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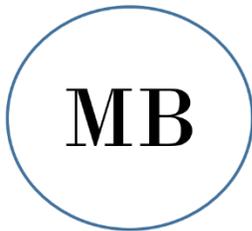
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The Power of Your Testimony

*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the **word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:11*

*But the Levites shall pitch round about the **tabernacle of testimony**, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the **tabernacle of testimony**. Numbers 1:53*

*This is the disciple **which testifieth** of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his **testimony is true**. John 21:24*

*But I (Jesus) **have greater witness** than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, **bear witness** of me, that the Father hath sent me. John 5:36, parenthesis added*

Way back in the book of Exodus we learn about the Ark of the Covenant, or as other verses call it, the Ark of the Testimony. *The Ark was a Testimony to the Covenant that God had made with Israel.* Today, as Christians, we are still in a Covenant relationship with God; however, we are under the New Covenant of Jesus' sacrifice, not the Old one of rituals and animal sacrifice. Before I go on, I want to make very clear that the Lord, Himself, uses the Covenant that He has made with us as a **Testimony**. Why would the Lord testify about Himself? Because there is great power in a Testifying.

As I was searching the Scriptures for this article, one phrase that stood out to me. It basically went like this "and we know that this testimony is true." In the Word, testimonies are used to confirm truth. The Lord, over and over again confirms His words through multiple voices; and many times through the testimonies of His people.

Sharing our personal testimony(s) is important. When we share, we may be the witness to a person that finally convinces them that God is real, wants to have a relationship with them, and that Jesus came to save them from Hell. Look at what the Apostle John said:

*The **Revelation** of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to **shew** unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: who **bare record** of the word of God, and of **the testimony of Jesus Christ**, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that **hear the words** of this **prophecy**, and keep those things which **are written** therein: for the time is at hand.*

Revelation 1:1-3

There is tremendous POWER in YOUR testimony! You likely have more than one testimony which you can share. Here are a few of mine:

I was a young man who felt like I was without a purpose and God gave me a purpose. I recall how I was feeling like I had never accomplished anything of real value—I believed I was just wasting my life—and the Holy Spirit comforted me that I could share the Good News of Jesus with others.

*I remember hating writing and the Lord calling me in October 2009 to write. I had no idea what to write or what the focus would be, but as I was faithful to just start **the Lord showed me more and more details**: titles of devotions and the fact that it should be a 366 day devotional fell into place. In addition, the Lord gave me a passion to write as a result of my obedience.*

*I was terrified of public speaking and the Holy Spirit called me to overcome that fear in His strength and share the Word and gave me the power in my weakness to do so. The Lord gave me a passion to speak—to proclaim Jesus through my obedience and **because of** that obedience I have this testimony.*

I was chasing girls for most of my childhood and early teens, but the Lord convicted me, the conviction was something like this, “Ryan, you love the

girls more than me, stop pursuing them and pursue Me.” I turned Him down the two or three times the Holy Spirit kept on me. After a heartbreak as a result of my disobedience, I turned to the Lord. **It is often in our brokenness that the Lord brings forth a testimony.** The Lord healed my heart and taught me His Word and showed me that He loved me and that He wanted me to pursue Him first and foremost. My relationship with Christ grew much deeper. When I share this testimony, many have blown me off, but there are two or three young men (that I know of) who have had their lives transformed because I shared this testimony—they are now committed to God first and aren’t pursuing “the ladies” first anymore. Instead, they Seek the Lord and trust in His timing.

I was stung by an insect and ended up with most of my body covered by hives a short time later, but the Lord gave me supernatural peace in a moment that the Enemy attacked with the fear of death. My hands were swollen at least double their normal thickness for a few days, but I knew the Lord had Divinely protected me. I knew that He had a purpose for my life—I wouldn’t die until He was finished with me. My purpose was to tell more people about Jesus—that He came to save them.

These are a few of my testimonies. I’ve shared some more than others and when I have, there is Power. Jesus taught and had authority—He testified about the Truth. In a similar way, we as His followers should share our testimonies. *When we do hope is planted, motivation (encouragement) pumps into people’s veins, and God gets glory!* Let’s take a look at the Scripture again and before you do, please pray with me and mean it: **“Holy Spirit, please open the spiritual eyes of my heart. I want to hear your Word and obey it. In Jesus Name, Amen.”**

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As you come across amazing testimonies which give God the glory, may you be encouraged and inspired to **remember** how Good our God is. Israel was exhorted over and over to remember and so I declare the same thing to

you today: **Remember** *the Testimony of Christ and the Testimony(s) that He has birthed through your life.* Let's close meditating on this:

This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 1 John 5:6-12

Point to Ponder

When we bear witness we are testifying.

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