

## TESTIFY!

Take every opportunity to tell others what God has done for you.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ Everybody has a story to tell. Each person has had an experience that has altered the course of their life and caused them to see things in a completely different way.
- ❖ For some of us, there are things God has done that we haven't shared with anyone else because we think they're insignificant, or because others' stories seem much more exciting than ours. But today, let us testify and tell the world what God has done!
- ❖ One day, as Jesus and His disciples were leaving the Temple grounds, they encountered a beggar who had been born blind. The disciples felt they had this man's situation all figured out. For them, it was clear that his blindness must have been a result of sin—either his sin or his parents' sin. They didn't even stop to ponder why an innocent baby would be under God's judgment and punishment for sins he hadn't committed.
- ❖ However, Jesus immediately straightened them out and said, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him" (John 9:3).
- ❖ The negative things that have happened in a person's life may not be for any reason they can legitimately put their finger on. Lots of things happen that we're perplexed about and can't make heads or tails of.
- ❖ The truth is, sometimes God just wants us to be a part of His global "big picture" plan. He wants to show His glory to the world through us and to strengthen the faith of somebody else.
- ❖ Let's go back to the story of the blind beggar.
- ❖ Even though it was the Sabbath day, Jesus healed the blind man with spit and dirt and washing in a pool, which caused quite a stir in Jerusalem.
- ❖ In John 9:13-34, the Pharisees spoke to the man four times, looking for every answer for his healing except the obvious one: that Jesus really *is* the miracle-working God!
- ❖ And the man who had been healed wasn't the least bit shy in giving his testimony:
  - ◆ "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I **see**" (v. 15).
  - ◆ "He is a prophet" (v. 17).
  - ◆ "Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though **I was blind, now I see**" (v. 25).
- ❖ Then he concluded his testimony (v. 30-33):
 

...This is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone **opened the eyes of one who was born blind**. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.

**KEY SCRIPTURES (NKJV):** John 9:13-34;  
2 Kings 5:1-14; Revelation 12:10-11a

- ❖ This is a phenomenal example for us. We need to testify of the amazing, awesome, and miraculous things God has done in our lives.
- ❖ The apostle John had an incredible vision recorded in the last book of the Bible, Revelation.
- ❖ In chapter 12, he saw a woman about to give birth to a child. A dragon (representing Satan) was standing by to destroy her child (representing Jesus) as soon as it was born.
- ❖ God protected the child and there was war in Heaven as Michael and his angels fought against Satan and his angels. Michael won the war and Satan was thrown out of Heaven. So, where do you think he ended up?
- ❖ He and his angels were thrown down to Earth, and since then, they have worked tirelessly to deceive the inhabitants of Earth and to turn them against God.
- ❖ But John said in verse 11: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...."
- ❖ This verse lets us know that our testimonies—along with the blood of Jesus—actually give us victory over Satan. Yes, we need to testify!
- ❖ Reading from the last book of the Bible, we get final insights into how we should live and act.
- ❖ We see that we need to be immersed, washed, cleansed, and purified by the "blood of the Lamb"—the blood of Jesus. Jesus shed His blood and sacrificed His life to pay the penalty for our sins.
- ❖ And we need to continually testify to all who will hear that we have been saved and delivered, sanctified, and made holy, all because of Jesus. We are children of God and citizens of Heaven because of Jesus. That is good news that's worth sharing.
- ❖ We need to TESTIFY!

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. "Stop and let me tell you what the Lord has done for me." It's time to testify. Look back. What has God done for you through the various stages of your life: in childhood, as a young adult, and more recently in 2022?
2. When God did these things, did you feel as if you were deserving of His intervention? Why or why not?
3. Give thanks. Take time now to thank God for His lovingkindness and favour in your life.

### PRAYER TIME

Lord, thank You. I really, truly want to thank You. For who You are and all You've done.  
Amen!

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 🌱 (New idea) 🗨️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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*Go deeper with your Life Group family.*  
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE  
WORD

Start-up: Is there a product/service you use that you recommend to others? Why do you recommend it?