



You Are A Testimony

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INTRO. 11 The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, "Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.

This is Paul's race... this is the task Jesus has given him!

This says something for all of us... YOU MUST TESTIFY... Powerful theme!

This is what all creation does when it is in right relationship w/ God...

The heavens declare the majesty of God
The skies proclaim his glory
The Rocks cry out his praise
Day and night pour forth speech
The Sun sets bring all to stand in silent wonder
The trees of the field clap their hands in adoration
The Mountains burst into song...

All creation testifies day & night to the glory of God.

You are the crown of God's creation... made to testify to his grace.

Ps 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story!

This is your race... to testify to God's Grace... in your home... at work... on the sidelines... in the hospital... in the check out line...

But we need courage! Jesus says... Take courage! WHY?

FOCUS. Paul's trial teaches us about The Challenge against our testimony. The Power of our Testimony.

THE CHALLENGE AGAINST OUR TESTIMONY. Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, "My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day." 2 At this the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near Paul to strike him on the mouth.

- The enemy wants to silence our witness... Paul is struck on the mouth!

We know the last thing the devil wants is you sharing Christ w/ others!

1. He intimidates us w/ the fear of man... fear of people's opinions!
2. He convinces us we're too busy... choked by cares of the world...

Has the enemy stuck you silent... can't remember the last time... got into a convo... prayed for someone... invited someone... said the name of Jesus.

2) The enemy tries to derail our witness... Read vs 3-5.

Immediately Paul lashes out... He's not wrong...

But notice how his attn has shifted from Jesus to his problem...

We can get so angry about what's happening in our life/ culture... it eclipses our task

James 1:19 be slow to become angry, human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

- Notice what Paul does... he immediately course corrects... you're right!
- Brings himself back under God's word... Exodus 22:28...
- Brings it back to Jesus! Vs. 6 I stand on trial because of the hope in the resurrection!

ILLUS. I was so upset about my kids play time/ coaching... I was off by myself not focused on WHY we as a family were on that team!

THE POWER OF OUR TESTIMONY. 11 The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, "Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.

To testify is to let OTHERS know about the grace of Jesus in our life!

- We don't convert anyone... that's Jesus' job.

We need courage because the devil wants to silence us....

But also because we don't always see results!

1. Paul courageously testified before that crowd... did anyone believe?!
2. He testified before Sanhedrin... they struck him... plotted to kill him!
3. Maybe like Paul we're not seeing any fruit from our faithfulness!

1) The power of our testimony is not how others respond it's in honoring Christ

The following night the Lord stood near Paul... NOT an angel! Jesus himself!

Where you stand for Christ, Christ will stand with you.

Luke 12:8 I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God.

2) To testify to Jesus is God's strategy for Satan's defeat!

Revelation 12:7 Then war broke out in heaven... Cosmic battle...

9 He was hurled to the earth and his angels with him... 10 For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

- The enemy's accusing you... You aren't faithful!
- You're Too busy! You don't have time for this...
- You can't even get your kids dressed on time...
- What gives you the right?

WATCH THIS! V11... They... WHO? God's people... you... me...

They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

1. The blood of the lamb.
2. The word of their testimony.

WHAT?! The blood of Jesus... OK! But my testimony... my witness?

Every time you testify to Jesus... you are overcoming Satan! Every time!

We may not always see it... But that's the truth...

INVITE WORSHIP TEAM.

Jesus says to Paul... so you must also testify in Rome...

How about you...

So you must also testify in _____.

Where is it for you?

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