

Testify Series - Paul & King Agrippa

Acts 26 - April 22, 2018

How can my testimony make an impact on myself, & others?

Acts 26:1-18

1) We Too Are Sent To Open Eyes, Communicate Forgiveness, As Well As An Inheritance ***1 Pet.2:9 *Acts 26:18**

We do this *ideally* through relationships.

We also need to be equipped - "Roman's Road" - "The 3 Circles"... ("Life on Mission" *App). Also, join our "No Place Left" Team!

Your testimony has the God-given power to continue to impact you, as well as others (as seen here with Paul!). It can *strengthen* your faith. It can *embolden* you and give you God-inspired courage.

It can *help* to open people's eyes (spiritually) - turning them from darkness to light and from being under Satan's authority, to God's (*subsequent to God's sovereign, inner working, of course*).

God help us to live our faith out loud; there's a dying world that often only hears *silence* from those of the faith. May we no longer remain anonymous beyond the four walls of our church.

Acts 26:19-23

2) We Understand Through Expressing It, That The Gospel Is For Everyone, As All Need Christ's Light

From our Jerusalem, Judea and Damascus, to Gentiles abroad - we're to '*testify to both small and great*'... Seeking to bring the light of Jesus and His gospel to all.

As we strive and push toward this great goal, it causes us to have a shift in our lives - just as it did for Paul.

In taking the gospel out, at least 3 things are happening to us: 1) We're being *changed* by our mission. 2) We're being *challenged* to press on. 3) We're becoming even more convinced of our message. ***Rom.1:16**

According to Acts 26:23, Jesus, upon His resurrection - would be the first to proclaim light, to both Jews and Gentiles. So the gospel is for everyone, because *all need* Christ's light. **John 1:4+5 + John 8:12**

***Gen.1:2+3**

"Don't get angry at people in spiritual darkness for not being able to see what's obvious to you, instead - bring them some spiritual light."

Acts 26:24-29

3) Though The World May Say That You're Nuts, Stick To Sobering Truth - As It Has The Power To Persuade

Our testimony, as we point people to the truth of God's Word - has power. ***Acts 26:27**

A changed life, that continues to be changed by God's Word, impacts others as well as ourselves.

Although our testimony has power to impact others, it's ultimately God's Word/God's truth (being used by the Holy Spirit), that makes the greater impact!

"A man once said that he had received no inspiration from the Bible, although he had gone through it several times. 'Let it go through you once', he was encouraged - 'Then you'll tell a different story!'"

Prayerfully consider who the Lord would have you to testify to. Then on the first of each month, pray for that person every day; make it a goal that by the last day of that month, you will share the gospel with them. Then from there, seek to disciple them. NPL!