

Sharing Your Story

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SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS DAY



Introduction: The theme for this year's Spiritual Emphasis Day is "*Soaring to a New Beginning: My Story*" taken from **Job 8:7**. I believe it is essential for us to be a living witness as a Christian. What do you think of when you hear the term "witness"? This is a Bible concept but often neglected. In our time together today I want share my story and also want to encourage you to get comfortable with your our own personal walk with God.

Discussion:

I. How Can You Get Comfortable With Your Story?

Acts 8-9, 16, 18, 22, 26, Philippians 3:6, I Timothy 1:15-16, II Timothy 1:3

What can you learn from the apostle Paul?

How can you be like the apostle Paul?

What is your story? Are you comfortable talking about God working in your life?

II. How Can You Be A Witness to Others?

Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 22:46-49, Acts 1:7-8

Where can you find the Biblical concept of witnessing?

How did the New Testament Christians witness?

Why don't more people practice the Biblical concept of witnessing?

III. How Can You Be A Living Epistle to Others?

Ephesians 4-5, Romans 12:3-8, Matthew 25:14-30, II Corinthians 3:3

Where can you find the Biblical concept of living stones?

Who has been a living stone in your life?

Who could you influence by telling your story?

IV. How Can You Overcome Your Fears?

II Timothy 1:7, II Peter 3:9, John 15:16, Daniel 12:3, Isaiah 41:10

Why do you allow your fear to overcome you? Explain.

How can you develop courage to be a Biblical witness/living epistle?

Whose example can you follow to be a living epistle? Why?

V. How Can You Be A Blessing to Others?

**John 15:4-5, Matthew 21:22, II Timothy 2:21, Romans 10:1, II Timothy 2:15,
Galatians 6:9, Galatians 5:22-23, Matthew 5:13-16**

Who can be the greatest asset to the Christian faith? Why?

Who can be the greatest enemy to the Christian faith? Why?

What can you do to be a better witness as a living epistle?

Conclusion: **II Corinthians 5:20** says, *“Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”* My prayer is that God will open your heart, fill you with His Holy Spirit, equip you for ministry, and give you a passion to share your story. Biblical witnessing should come naturally. Are you ready to answer the call as the ambassador for Christ? Let God use you for His glory! Let God shine His light through you! May God bless you and your journey!