

Grace Pointers,

Today's *Testify!* service was designed to celebrate some unbelievable stories taking place in our community. And we did just that. As I heard stories of Grace Pointers being used by God to share their story, leading another person to an exchanged life—I can't help but praise God! The work He is doing in the lives around us is amazing. Exchanging our life for Christ's is just the beginning of a life being formed into God's image. We also need to testify to the ongoing changes that He makes in us. How is God currently growing you? How are you currently being changed, more to His likeness? When we tell of what God has done we both bring Him glory and spur each other on in this race.

We also had a unique opportunity during *Encore* (after the 12:30 service) where folks stood up and proclaimed what Christ has done in their lives. What a great way to start the year celebrating what Jesus has already done by transforming lives.

One Life, One Lifetime,
Pastor Jeff

Musing

A friend of mine got an iPhone recently and went on and on and on. He was testifying how it had "changed his life." I said, "Wow, that's a pretty bold statement!" Now he is planning on converting all his computers over to Mac as well. It's amazing when we are convinced/sold/excited about something how we boldly proclaim and evangelize to others the difference it is making in our lives. Who are testifying to and what are you testifying about?



Attention!

- Missed today's sermon?
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Letters to a Warrior Poet

Warrior Poet*,

The Gospel is the power of God to salvation and the word of our testimony is that which overcomes. If we are to believe Jesus and His word then upon our lips must be the life changing, life transforming message that has changed us. That is the good news—that is the testimony. If we have not been changed we have nothing to say, but if we have been changed then we must proclaim to the world the difference He has made in our lives. Which is it? Have we been transformed?

**"Warrior Poet" references the heart of David who wrote the majority of Psalms. He had the heart of an artist and yet was a warrior and king. These devotionals are written to encourage those who have hearts passionate for God to press on in the journey.



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Our purpose is to lead
unsaved people to a
relationship of full devotion
to Jesus Christ.

Take It Home

Sermon Application

Testify! Celebrate Your Story Senior Pastor Jeff Harris



Discussion

- Revisit your exchanged life story. Share with someone in one minute how Christ changed your life.
- God is continually molding us into his image, so the transformation stories are ongoing. How have you been changed in this past year? Month? Week?
- If you asked your friends, would they say you are passionate about what God is doing in your life? Would they say you talk about it? What would they say you are passionate about? Why?
- How can you testify to God's transforming power this week?

Family Activity

Testify

Today in service we heard about the life changing power of God in the lives of Grace Pointers. Before you gather with your family consider some of the ways that God has made his presence known in your life, or recount the way in which He drew you to him, or some way that He has provided beyond your imagination. As you gather with your family assist them in remembering these moments. There may be things that you haven't shared with your family about how God has worked in your life. This is a great opportunity to share and show how faithful and real God has been to you.

In scripture we see ways that people made note of moments when God moved or provided or met His people.

Read about Miriam in *Exodus 15*. What was she celebrating? What did she do to celebrate? Read *Joshua 4:1-8*. Why did the Lord tell them to set up the stones?

Decide with your family to begin to make note of the ways the Lord has been active in your lives. Ideas:

- Keep a family journal
- Write a song or a poem together
- Keep a basket in a visible place, write one word on a rock and keep it in the basket to remind you of how God moved in your lives. Continue to add rocks to the basket as you recognize God's movement in your life.

Once you have decided on a method for observing and remembering, set a time to consistently go back and celebrate and also to make note of the new things God is doing.