

The Treasure of Your Testimony

The Scriptures say, "God commanded light to shine in the dark." Now God is shining in our hearts to let you know that his glory is seen in Jesus Christ. We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us. –2 Corinthians 4:6-7 CEV

God stored treasure in us. He left the deposit of the Holy Spirit within us (see 2 Corinthians 1:22). The power of the Holy Spirit creates treasure in us, as evidenced by transformed lives. Our testimonies bring Christ's treasure to life. As we share our stories of redemption and transformation, we share the undeniable saving power of Jesus.

Your story is a sword, a saber slicing through the darkness. Your story tells others change is possible. Your story tells others that real hope, real joy, and real peace are available in Christ. Your story speaks volumes about God's good and faithful nature.

When we reveal the ways God demonstrates His love, grace, and mercy in our lives, others are inspired to receive from the Giver of all that is good (see James 1:17). We radiate the beauty of our Savior as we speak of all His wondrous gifts.

The story God gave you is *yours* and therefore undeniable. Humbly sharing that story will also remind you of Christ's saving work in your life. None of us is qualified to enter the kingdom of God without the sacrifice of Christ. It is solely by His grace, not our works, that we enter the kingdom of heaven (see Ephesians 2:8-9). When we personally recall God's mercy and forgiveness, it helps keep the treasure He gave us from tarnishing with too much pride.

The power of your story comes from God. Let His brilliance

shine for the world to see. Pray God opens doors to share His treasure stored inside you. With whom can you share your testimony today?

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