

MEMBER CARE NEWSLETTER

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The Power of Your Testimony

In the fall newsletter, I wrote about *The Power of Giving Thanks*, highlighting the importance of gratitude towards God and doing it with others. I am writing this time to discuss *The Power of Your Testimony*. Here at The Heights, we love to celebrate God's goodness in individuals, families, our church, and communities. One definition of the word testimony is the evidence supporting a fact or statement. Another definition is proof. The Bible admonishes us to testify of what we have seen and heard and to tell of God's faithfulness in our lives. That is to provide proof that God is working in and through us. There are two ways we can share our testimony.

The first way is living and sharing the gospel. Jesus laid this expectation on his disciples in Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." A witness is someone who provides the testimony. We are witnesses of God's love and kindness. We are witnesses of his grace and mercy. We are witnesses of the life-changing power of the gospel working in us. A witness providing testimony requires communicating the details by writing or speaking. In these last days, God is calling us to be intentional and bold about living and sharing (testifying) what God has done. There is no power to your testimony if what you are sharing isn't authentic or you have not experienced it. (Other verses you can reference: [1 Peter 3:15](#), [Acts 4:20](#), [1 John 1:3](#))

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PSALM 40:9

The second way is by sharing what God has done in your life and family with others so that they are encouraged. Psalm 40:9 says, "I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord." I love it when I walk into the church, and someone pulls me to the side to share what God is doing. I hear stories of God answering the prayers of parents praying for their children. I listen to accounts of God's grace in people going through medical challenges. I receive reports of how God is working in homes and marriages. I pay attention to the testimonies of answered prayers. When these stories are shared, it instantly builds my faith to continue to pray for people whose faith is deconstructing. It reminds me to pray for those with health challenges. It reminds me to pray for the families struggling to stay together. Testifying provides hope to others. It strengthens our faith in God; it helps us see things from a different perspective. It allows us to magnify God and give the glory due to His name. Think about how God has answered your prayers. Have you shared them with anyone? Have you testified of God's goodness? I encourage you to begin celebrating the good things in your life by sharing them with others.

As I mentioned, we love celebrating God's goodness. Revelation 12:11 says, "They overcame him by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony." We would love to hear your testimony, the story of God's goodness in your life, family, or community. Share it with us by going to thb.church/story

Upcoming Events:



- Quarterly Prayer & Praise Service: Wednesday, April 17, at 6:30pm
- Pray with us virtually, every Saturday at 9am. [Click here to join](#). Meeting ID: 242 770 531 813; Passcode: 7729.
- Praying Them Home Community Group: first Sundays at 12:15pm (Room C100)
- Praying for My Husband Community Group: second Sundays at 12:15pm (Room C100)