

The Art of a Testimony

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Everyone loves a good story. They're captivating, dramatic and many times thought provoking. But what about a testimony? Believe it or not, there is a difference between *storytelling* and *testimony*. This message explores the *ART* of testimony through the eyes of Mark.

Blessings,
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Main Points

- 1) The *ART* of a Testimony
 - **A** – Amazed
 - **R** – Reduced
 - **T** – Thing
- 2) **A** – *Amazed* – People are Amazed
 - Amazed excitement as the word spread and the crowds gathered.
 - i. Mark 1:27-28, 33, 45
 - Amazement turns to praising God
 - i. Mark 2:12
- 3) **R** – *Reduced* – Longer Isn't Always Better – Be Concise
 - Healing Testimony in Mark
 - i. Deliverance Ministry – 1:21-25
 - ii. Simon's Mother-In-Law & Others – 1:29-34
 - iii. Man with Leprosy – 1:40-44
 - iv. Paralyzed Man Walks – 2:1-11
 - v. Deformed Hand Made Whole – 3:1-5
 - Reduced: 32 verses give testimony to 5 miracles with approximately 6 verses per miracle.
- 4) **T** – *Thing* – Describing the Encounter
 - This represents the *main event* or the *main thought* of the testimony, grabbed in one sentence.
 - i. In Mark for each of the above miracles testimonies the *Thing* is described in the heading before each miracle.
- 5) The Art of a Testimony, Ultimately Leads to Transformed Lives

John 20:30–31 (NLT)

Purpose of the Book

³⁰ The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

Discussion Questions

Revelation

- How does Mark's testimony of the miracles of Jesus describe the response of the people?
- What is the *purpose* of a testimony according to John 20:30-31?
- How can a testimony lead to belief in Jesus?

Interpretation

- How were the people *amazed* by the miracles Jesus performed?
- How does the telling of a testimony amaze people?
- What *amazed* you about the testimonies given before the message and after the message?

Application

- Have you ever heard a testimony that both *amazed* you and *transformed* your life in one way or another?
- Using the ART of a testimony, can you share a brief testimony of an encounter with God – a *thing* in your life – that you could share with others in order to encourage them in their belief of God?