

# Lesson 110 Share the Truth Gently.

#### 10/31/12 MEETING:

CT – Share stories, share testimonies of what the Lord has done for you. Tell of how He has worked in your life. Help others to understand that I AM a living God, an interactive God. Vessels, you are vessels of the Living God. You are His home, His temple, therefore, keep yourselves clean, pure, and worthy. You have stories of the living God because He is always with you. I AM always with you. Reflect Me. That is all for now, go in peace.

**Psalm 119:46** I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. **1 Corinthians 1:17,18** For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Yes, we are to share our testimony. We, as Christians or believers in Christ, have been taught from the very beginning that we are to:

Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Luke 24:47... "that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations."

And perhaps the most easily recognizable, The Great Commission:

**Matthew 28:18-20** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Yet this is not the only commission for Christ also said,

**John 15:16** "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit,"

This week the Lord is teaching us to bear fruit by the sharing of our story, our testimony. This may seem difficult to do because it is a deeply personal step on our part. This is because, the sharing of our story, our testimony is in actuality, the laying out of our own special account, our own personal treasury of blessings, protections, interactions with our Lord and Savior. No event or occasion, no gift or reward, no truth, no protection, nothing given, nothing held within our treasury is inconsequential, trivial or petty. Each item, every word within our treasury is precious, valued, and cherished by us.

Now traditionally, in the world, one clings to one's own treasures but this is not how it is with the Lord, this is because the Lord has instructed us to share our treasures, share our stories, share our testimonies, share our faith. And I want you to know that I have found that it is actually just the opposite of what you may have believed. It is not difficult, on the contrary, it is easy and rewarding. I have found that it is in fact a blessing to share my testimony just as the Lord has encouraged us to do this week when He said,

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Therefore as we proceed through this lesson, let us share what the Lord has given.

# **Testimony**

Before we can share our testimony we need to make sure that we understand exactly what a testimony is. Therefore, the definition of testimony is:

# Testimony -

- an open acknowledgment
- the statement or declaration of a witness under oath,
- evidence in support of a fact or statement, proof
- a public profession of religious experience
- the tablets inscribed with the Mosaic law, the ark containing the tablets, a divine decree attested in the scriptures

# Testimony - truth

Since it is under oath, we know it is a truth. It is an account of fact. It is an account of what we have experienced, witnessed or learned. It is an acknowledgment, a statement, a declaration, it is evidence of what we know to be true.

04/02/08 CT - Share the truth gently.

12/24/11 MVA - Revelation- you have been given a revelation, understanding, <u>truth</u>. Clarity-you now clearly understand a principal in My Kingdom. Keep this <u>truth</u> and <u>share</u> it with others.

01/11/12 MVA - Share truths.

09/26/12 DP - Seek out those who choose life, share truth with them, they will receive.

10/16/12 DP - Share My truth in all situations, this is love, set free the captives, light shining in darkness.

10/19/12 BN – Share My truth when led.

10/21/12 BT – The time is here, share My truth with all those that will listen.

Most importantly, we know that it is the truth, because we know it came from the Lord.

**2 Samuel 7:28** "And now, O Lord God, You are God and Your words are true, **Psalm 119:160** The entirety of Your word is truth.

**John 1:17** For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Our story, our testimony should be spoken in truth. It does not need to be embellished, it does not need to be understated, it merely needs to be spoken in truth, an accurate account of the facts as they occurred just as the Lord would want it.

# Testimony - A public profession

There are many accounts or personal testimonies in the bible. They are public professions of the Lord's interactions with a person. They are demonstrations of a living God's communications, exchanges, and relationship with another. Who, for example, could forget Paul's account of His Conversion. This testimony can be found in:

Acts 26:12-18 "While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' "So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' and He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will reveal to you. I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you. To open their eyes, in order to turn them from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance."

And prior to that there was the testimony of Moses and his exchanges with the Lord in:

Exodus 3:4-10 So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." Moreover He said, "I am the God of your father—The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. And the Lord said, "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. Now behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

Paul and Moses testimonies, however, are not the only ones we can find in the bible. There are also the testimonies of Mary, Elizabeth, Zacharias, Daniel, David, Solomon. They all had personal testimonies, stories that they could share with us. They are stories that provide <u>demonstrations of a living God</u> and His communications, exchanges, and relationship with each one of them.

In this modern day, we have testimonies we can share as well. For example we have this from Roy Sauzek, http://www.takehisheart.com/heavengodhellheavenly.htm

My name is Roy Sauzek and here is my witness of being in Heaven. God took me to heaven like He did Paul the apostle for His Purposes.

#### Heaven:

God didn't ask if I wanted to go, but suddenly I found myself in Heaven. The scene opened on my third day there. I had been walking through what I would call clouds, up to my knees, exploring Heaven for three days. I remember seeing "meetings" going on here and there as I was walking. I realized I hadn't seen my wife who I knew should be there. I had loved my wife very much and was wondering what she thought about being here. I asked a person passing by if I could see the Lord. He came immediately, almost instantly, and was standing to my right. I asked the Lord where my wife was, expecting Him to take me someplace in Heaven to see her. Instead, He waved His right hand from left to right, and the floor of heaven opened up. The Lord pointed toward the opening. Crouching down, I peered over the edge to see my wife in Hell. I was immediately overwhelmed. Getting up, crying, I confronted the Lord, pointing and saying, "Go get her."

His testimony is powerful, isn't it? It is a testimony for today. And I could share my testimony of when the Lord told us to move to Grapeland. As is written in our flow book:

3/2/07 CT – while driving into work today the conversation of hurricanes came up. I heard The Holy Spirit say "move to Grapeland."

I could report all the details of this experience down to Hurricane Ike devastating our old neighborhood. It would be an accurate account of just one of our living God's interactions today. This testimony, this public profession, of actual events should be shared because as we read above, the Lord encourages us to share the experiences we have with Him. Here are some other examples of the Lord encouraging us to share what we have experienced and learned:

12/20/11 CT - Courses, lessons learned and passed on. Ears open for hearing; eyes open for seeing. Receive that which is given and <u>share</u>.

05/05/12 BN - be obedient...earnestly seek Me...Do My will when I tell you without question, That is a true faithful servant that will be rewarded for all eternity, I love all...but love is not enough, There are rules and boundaries, It is a legal matter, Kneel, Take the cup, Drink from it, This is My blood that was shed for you, Share this with others.

06/06/12 SN - Share these things I give you.

Now these words above from 12/20, 05/05 and 06/06 may not have specifically been about sharing our testimonies so to speak but they can be applied to that idea as well. This is because all the experiences we have with the Lord teach us something and we are to share what we learn whether it is about legalities, obedience, faith, whatever. Paul's testimony teaches us that the Lord loves all His children. Moses testimony teaches us about the Lord's deliverance. Roy's testimony teaches us about salvation. My testimony teaches us about protections. We can learn from all these testimonies. And we can learn from your testimony as well. Courses, lessons learned and passed on. Ears open for hearing; eyes open for seeing. Receive that which is given and share.

And the Lord said,

10/29/11 DP - Follow Me. Heed My commands. My words are life to all those who hear. <u>Share</u> with all who are interested perhaps it will encourage them to draw closer to Me. Know that I chose you for this. Teach others to be open about their things of the Spirit.

01/07/12 MVA - Teach what you have learned from your God Jesus. <u>Share</u> with others. Build a picture of My Kingdom principles. <u>Share and share alike</u>. Each has a gift given by Me Jesus. <u>Share</u> My gifts bring together what I Jesus have given.

09/18/12 DP - Take the pieces I give you and assemble, build pictures. Be not afraid, it's for your learning, share with your brother's and sister's.

10/04/12 DP - Share what you receive together much power and anointing in this.

Therefore we are to share our experiences in Christ with one another.

## Testimony – A divine decree

Now the last part of testimony that we are going to look at, is that of, divine decree. The part of the definition that said, the tablets inscribed with the Mosaic law, the ark containing the tablets, a divine decree attested in the scriptures. The stated example of course is the Ten Commandments:

## Exodus 20:1 And God spoke all these words saying....

He gave the Ten Commandments thus the Lord made a divine decree. He spoke, He taught, and they (His words) were shared. We have learned that His scripture, His word is Holy.

**2 Timothy 3:15-17** and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Yes, His words are Holy. They have been given with purpose. Did you catch the stated purpose in the words above from **2 Timothy**? The purposes of His words were noted as being this: first, so that we will be wise, and so that we will be thoroughly equipped for every good work. They have been given for correction and instruction. His words have been given for the benefit of all. His words help us to be our best. This is why they should be shared. Just as He said here,

12/09/11 DP - Know that I have spoken. Relate to your brothers and sisters that, what I have shared with you.

03/11/12 BN - Take down every word that I give you that you may share it with others.

03/19/12 BN - Share my word with those that are not.

03/20/12 BN - Spend more time on the site I had Roy build so that your knowledge may increase and you can <u>share</u> it with others.

03/24/12 BN - You are doing well to read THH, There is much knowledge there, Know it so you can <u>share</u> it with others.

04/13/12 BN - Spirit...Flow in my spirit, My spirit is the river of life, My words flow to you, Write them down, Keep them, preserve them, share them with others.

04/20/12 BN - Continue to read my word...all of my word, Be ready to share it with others.

05/19/12 BN - Read My word, Today is a day of instruction, Write down your dreams, Continue in your meetings, Keep your flowchart, Study your flowchart, Share My word with others. 07/11/12 SN - Gladly share the gospel to all nations/people.

07/12/12 BN - People are so easily mislead because they don't know My word, <u>Share</u> it with them.

09/29/12 DP - Look for opportunities to spread My gospel, <u>share</u> in love and compassion be not forceful but gentle.

10/06/12 BN – My words are for you and for all, share them as I lead you.

10/12/12 DP - The hearers are hearing, hear and share.

Consequently, we have learned the importance, the emphasis the Lord's has placed upon sharing His word, His divine decrees. However, the words above are not the only divine decree will should look at today. It is equally important, even more so in fact, for us to acknowledge what the Lord has said of His Son, He has, in truth, given us a testimony of Him that can be found in these:

Matthew 3:17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Luke 9:28-36 "Now it came to pass, about eight days after these sayings, that He took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray. As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep; and when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. Then it happened, as they were parting from Him, that Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles; one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were fearful as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud. saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" When the voice had ceased, Jesus was found alone. But they kept quiet, and told no one in those days any of the things they had seen. John 12:27-32 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour? But for this purpose I came to this hour. Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." Therefore the people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."

And our belief in the Son is our testimony just as it is God's and it is a testimony that is to be shared:

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

I think we should close this section on testimonies with a reminder of what the Lord has said in this regard:

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Speak the truth, share your stories, and by doing so you will help others to see the true, living, active God.

**Vessels of the Living God** 

As we speak the truth, sharing our stories. We must remember that we are vessels of the Lord. We are to be worthy of Him. We are to be "Holy as He is Holy". We are to reflect Him in all ways, His character, His love, His dependability. The bible tells us:

**2 Timothy 2:20-21** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel of honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

We should want to be vessels of honor. And the Lord continues encouraging us in this matter stating thus,

02/18/12 MVA – Share, grow in your God Jesus Wisdom. Knowledge. Righteousness. Right ways. Refinement one body united in Me Jesus. Clean pure fit for My use. 05/21/12 BN - Set yourself apart for Me, Be not like the world, Be peaceful and disciplined...MEEK, Have I not said the MEEK shall inherit the earth, There is no pride or self in the MEEK, They are My people, Think upon this and share it with others. 09/28/12 DP - Reach those I send, share My love, My word, My truth this is My will for you, 09/30/12 DP - Share My love by this they will know you are Mine. 10/31/12 CT - Vessels, you are vessels of the Living God. You are His home, His temple, therefore, keep yourselves clean, pure, and worthy. You have stories of the living God because He is always with you. I AM always with you. Reflect Me.

And as vessels of the Living God we must remember that we are in effect representatives of Christ. He has said that we are His Ambassadors and as such our testimonies are important. We are to share them in love, always reflecting Him. The Lord said this,

01/24/10 CT - Enter into His presence with a humble heart; contrite spirit. Praise God for His miraculous healing power. Healing the ills of this world. Who can heal as he does? No one. The physical healing gives only a glimpse of the spiritual healing only he can perform. Praise God for his miraculous healing power. Jesus saves, Jesus saves. He is still saying "Come unto me all ye who are heavy laden and I will give you rest." You are His ambassadors of rest." Are you ready? Get so. Enough said.

11/08/11 DP- Self must go. To be used by Me one must be totally void of self. Are you willing to let go? Seek Me and be changed. Your emotions are not pleasing to you how much less Me. Learn from this experience. Be not overcome with much reasonings. Look to Me, the way is made plain before you, choose the path of righteousness and walk it out. Hear Me and do as I say know that I choose you to be My ambassador. Reflect Me even when it's tough. Let your light shine before men that they may glorify Me.

11/09/11 DP - Be My <u>ambassador</u>, be My representative, be My spokesman, I bring it to be. This do and please Me. Rest in it know I bring it forth. <u>Reach those that are sent to you, show them My ways, lead them to Me.</u> My will be done.

02/06/12 MVA - Give to others joy, be light in darkness, help others. See needs to fill. <u>Ambassador</u>. Stay focused on your God Jesus whom you Love. My purpose, My purpose is fulfilled in obedience. Look to Me Jesus that is where your purpose is located. <u>Stay pure</u> study.

06/02/12 BN - Remember to be a light to others, Do not let your anger overtake you, Always be my emissary (a person sent on a special mission), My <u>ambassador</u>, I AM giving you knowledge to be able to do so, Read and continue reading.

Therefore, the Lord is preparing us, His vessels, His ambassadors so that when we do share our stories, when we do share our testimonies, we will be vessels fit for His use.

### **Summation**

This week the Lord encouraged us to share our stories, our testimonies. He has said that we are to share and fellowship with others. It helps to build us up in spirit. It helps us to become the Bride but it not only helps us it also helps those we interact with. He wants us to help others to understand that He is the one true God and that He is alive and well and operating in all of our lives we just have to listen to Him. As I was bringing this lesson together I wanted to demonstrate just how often the Lord has encouraged us to share what we have been given. I wanted to show that it is a message He has been giving us for guite a while.

11/18/11 DP - Hear Me this day my peace I give, you <u>share</u> with those who come to you. Be My candidate, run for Me.

03/12/12 BN - I will protect my bride, <u>Share and fellowship with others</u>, I reveal a little to each of you like a puzzle that must be pieced together so that only the elect will understand, This is not to keep people from knowing me but so that they must seek me out and then I will reveal myself to them, <u>That revealing may come from you sharing my word</u>, Take heart little one, <u>I will give you the words</u>.

09/07/12 DP - Share what is given amongst yourselves much gained in corporate, anointing over group, feel Me work in your midst.

10/20/12 CT – Share Me. Evangelize. Invigorate. Set free. Be bold yet gentle. Time is short. Answer the call. Speak of Me.

10/21/12 MVA -Very good. On course for excellence. Golden opportunity. Steps taken. Instruction followed. Unit building. Keep moving forward with your God Jesus. Don't neglect study. Give each its own time, neglect none. Strength building through exercise. Spiritual strength. Gifts are being developed. Bringing promise of your God Jesus into physical. Filter everything through your God Jesus. This is protection. I AM bringing My Beloved together. Share and share alike. My Beloved is one. Growth is accomplished through unity. Together in your God Jesus. Spoken words have power. Be mindful of what you speak. Much power the spoken words. Think before you release not after. Build with power of your God Jesus. Correct speech patterns. Learn and decipher. On track pursue.

10/21/12 BT - The time is here, share My truth with all those that will listen. Remember I AM with you. You are not alone. Ask for My help. I will give you the words. Roy is right, give hope in your speech. Times are changing. People sense it. They need hope. Plant the seed and I will grow it. To have a dialog with Me is the key. If they just seek Me I will do the rest! Each is responsible for their own response.

10/26/12 MVA - Excellence all are working toward excellence. Building blocks. I AM assembling strength in construction. Your God Jesus is building what cannot be torn down. All who abide in Me Jesus assembled built nit together. Unity oneness in your God Jesus. Strength in unity. Purpose being brought into open. Light revealed. Function as one. Important to be on same page. Fellowship share. Correction and guidance cleanse. Never hesitate to share in fellowship. Help each other lift each other. I AM always with you.

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Each one of us has a story to tell of how the Lord has impacted our lives and through the telling we should all the while be reflecting Him, being vessels of honor, temples for the Most High. We should remember that, we are a road sign, pointing the way towards the narrow path.

May The Lord Bless and Keep You, Cindy

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