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Your Testimony

1. Its Foundation (Mark 5:1-20)

- A testimony must focus on Christ's work and His mercy towards lost sinners worthy of death
- The demoniac was set free from the effects of evil and pain which resulted in living among the dead. We are set free from sin and its consequence of death.
- Because we are saved through Christ, our testimony must demonstrate a clear understanding of the gospel (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) and the correct response to it (Mark 1:14-15)

2. Its Template

- THE PAST: Start with a section of where you were without Christ, about how you were dead in trespasses and sin (Eph 2:1-2)
- THE PRESENT: In this section include where you are now, and how you were saved by grace through faith in Christ (Eph 2:8-9)
- THE FUTURE: Finish with a section about the difference that Christ has made in your life and your desires for serving Him in the future (Psalm 37:4)

3. Some Tips

- Don't worry if you don't have what you deem to be an exciting testimony. Every testimony is exciting if it includes a dead person being brought to life.
- Don't worry if you cannot remember (or do not know) the exact moment you were converted from death to life, so long as you have the assurance that you are saved today.
- Be sure you do not glorify or over-emphasize your sin. It is not necessary to include all (or any of) the gory details to make the point that you were a sinner (1 Timothy 1:15)
- While it is your testimony, do not forget that it is God and the gospel that should be the focus.
- While the primary point of your testimony is to glorify God, secondarily it is to lead the hearer to worship (if a believer) or repentance and faith (if an unbeliever).
- Be sure to include Scripture, and the part it played in your conversion.

4. A Few Examples

- DAVID (Psalm 51)
 - Past: Filthy sinner without hope (vv. 3-5)
 - Present: Cleansed, forgiven and made alive (vv. 7-12)
 - Future: Teach others about You (vv 13-15)
- PAUL (Acts 22)
 - Past: A Jew who persecuted Christians (vv. 3-5)
 - Present: Met Jesus and was forgiven of my sin (vv 6-16)
 - Future: Sent to preach the gospel to Gentiles (vv. 17-21)