

THE POWER OF TESTIMONY: ACTS 22:1-21

Your personal testimony has great potential power.

- It is a powerful defense.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

- It is a powerful tool to relate the gospel.

Act 22 - Paul's testimony in Acts 22 is a model for you to develop a personal testimony.

EXAMPLE

A. Paul told who he was and what his life was like without Christ 22:3-5

- Paul covered his race (Jews), origin (Tarsus), education (Gamaliel), religion (zealous), devotion.

B. Paul told how he personally encountered Christ 22:6-10

- He told of God's divine intervention (6)
God seeks man, and not vice versa
Encountered God's light, not man's reason/intellect
- He told of the conviction of sin (7)
- He told of meeting Jesus (8-9)
Salvation is a person, not a religion
Others encounter God, but never know Him
- He told of his submission to God's Lordship (10)

C. Paul described how God went to work in his life 22:11-20

- Submission to Christ results in submission to Christ's servants (11-13)
- Showed God's direction (14-15)
- His basic steps of obedience in following the Lord (16)
Baptism is a sign of the reality of your faith
Baptism clears conscience (1 Pet 3:21)
- His growth even in the midst of problems (17-20)

D. He told who he was now 22:21

THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THOSE WHO HEAR WILL ACCEPT CHRIST!

SUMMARY-
1. WHAT WERE YOU LIKE WITHOUT CHRIST?
2. HOW DID YOU MEET CHRIST?
3. WHAT RESULTED FROM GETTING SAVED?
4. WHAT IS GOD DOING IN YOUR LIFE NOW?