

## **Sermon Series: Evangelism-Soul Winning for Christ**

### **Sermon 2: "The Power of Your Testimony"**

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### **Sermon on Revelation 12:11 (NIV)**

#### **Bible Text: Revelation 12:11 (NIV)**

"They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."

#### **Main Points:**

#### **1. **\*\*The Power of Testimony: Personal Stories Change Lives\*\*****

Our testimonies hold significant influence and can powerfully impact those around us. In Revelation 12:11, the "word of their testimony" signifies the strength derived from individuals sharing their personal experiences with faith in Christ. These testimonies are a vital means of evangelism, allowing others to see the Gospel's transformative power in our lives.

#### **2. The Triumph: Testimonies Show Victory in Christ**

Testimonies are not just stories; they demonstrate victory over sin and adversity through Christ. By sharing how we have triumphed over setbacks and spiritual battles, we reveal the redemptive and victorious power of Christ's blood. This victory is a testament to the ultimate triumph over evil, as depicted in the spiritual battle against the accuser in **Revelation 12:11**.

#### **3. The Sacrifice: Willingness to Share Despite Discomfort or Risk**

Revelation 12:11 also highlights the courage and boldness required to share our faith. The phrase "they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death" underscores the call to prioritize our testimony over personal comfort or safety. It challenges us to embrace potential risks while sharing our faith, knowing that our stories can lead others to salvation.

### **Five Personal and Engaging Questions for Reflection:**

1. Can you share a moment from your own life when you first felt called to live out evangelism as a lifestyle?
2. What was one of the most memorable experiences you had while sharing your faith with someone, and how did it affect you?
3. How do you incorporate evangelism into your everyday activities, and can you give us an example of how you do this in a simple yet impactful way?
4. Have you ever faced rejection or fear while evangelizing? How did you handle it, and what advice would you give to those who face similar challenges?
5. What is your vision for our congregation when it comes to evangelism, and how do you believe we can all contribute to creating a culture of soul-winning?

### **Applications:**

#### **1. Reflect on Your Faith Journey and Its Impact:**

Take time to identify key moments in your spiritual journey. Reflecting on how God has moved can provide strength and clarity as you prepare to share your testimony with others.

#### **2. Use Your Testimony to Inspire Hope in Others:**

As you share your testimony, focus on the hope and transformation that have resulted from God's work in your life. Your story can provide encouragement and guidance to those who may be struggling along their own path.

#### **3. Embrace Vulnerability as You Share:**

Do not shy away from sharing struggles and challenges in your journey. Vulnerability builds trust and resonates deeply, showing others that they are not alone in their struggles.

## **Call to Action:**

### **1. Write Down Your Faith Journey:**

Document your spiritual experiences, highlighting pivotal moments and lessons learned. This can serve as a guide when sharing your story with others.

### **2. Share Your Testimony on Social Media:**

Utilize social media platforms to reach a broader audience with your testimony, using it as a tool to inspire and encourage your online community.

### **3. Engage in a Small Group and Share Your Story:**

Participate in small group discussions where you can share your story in an intimate and supportive environment, fostering community and deeper connections among believers.

## **Theologian Quote:**

**"Your story is the key that can unlock someone else's prison." – Unknown**

## **Conclusion:**

**Your testimony has immense power. By sharing how Jesus changed your life, you can inspire others to seek Him. Let us be emboldened to share our stories, knowing they have the potential to impact and transform lives for God's glory [citation:9].**

## **Prayer:**

"Father, help us to be courageous in sharing our stories. Use our testimonies to draw others to You. Amen."

## **Benediction:**

"May your words and stories be filled with the power of the Spirit, leading others to God's grace. Amen."