BE A WITNESS

Share What You Have been Shown

TEXT: John 1:29-35
TITLE: Be A Witness
THOUGHT: Share What God has Showed You
TOPIC: Witnessing for Christ
TEACHING: How to Share the Revelations You Have Received
TOPIC INTRODUCTION: A False Witness

STORY START

There is a movie called Brian Banks. It's a story about an alleged case of SA. Some woman claimed that she was sexually assaulted by this man. The accusation ultimately led to Brian being found guilty in a court of law and he was sentenced to six years in prison.

STORTY SETUP

Brian was a star football player, who had dreams of playing in the NFL. Through the entire ordeal Brian maintained his innocence. After serving 5 years brian set out on a quest to clear his name. Eventually the young lady recanted her testimony and admitted it never happened.

STORY SHIFT

This young man lost 5 years in the prime of his life, and his reputation and record were tarnished all because of a false witness. Someone testified to a lie. A good lawyer is careful about who they call as a witness because that witness can win or lose the cases.

STORY SIGNFICANCE

In the same way it very important that we become good witnesses for Christ because lives are on the line. It's a bad thing when we don't want to be a witness, but it's even worse when we become bad witnesses. Our goal as believers is to be a good witness for the lord.

STORY SHAKE UP

I want to ask the question, which is worse, the witness that tells a lie and sends someone to prison, or a witness that knows the truth, but they keep quiet and let the person stay in prison. Knowing the truth and not telling it can be just as damaging as telling a lie.

SERMON STATEMENT

The one assignment that every believer has been given, is to be a witness for Jesus.
To be a witness means you proclaim the gospel and live a life that glorifies God

SERMON SAYING

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BLESSING PARAGRAPH

When you witness it empowers you and those whom you witness to

PROBLEM PARAGRAPH

It can be worrisome to witness in an environment where it's not welcomed

CHALLENGE PARAGRAPH

Obeying God rather than man; understanding what is at stake and not playing it safe

TEXT BACKGROUND

The gospel of John was written by the Apostle John, the intent of his writing is to show that Jesus is the Promised Missiah, the Divine son of God, the giver of salvation. Chapter one details the arrival of John the Baptist on the scene to announce the coming of Jesus.

John the Baptist is the son of Elisabeth and Zechariah; he is the cousin of Jesus. John's birth was a blessing from God because Elisabeth was barren. The angle announced that John would fulfill the special assignment of being a forerunner for Jesus, preparing the world for his arrival.

John's life consists of living right and being a witness for Christ. He went around testifying to the coming and Christ the promised messiah. John was a true example of what an on-fire witness for Christ looks like someone who's life is dedicated to getting the word out about Jesus.

In today's text we will see some of the qualities and characters that John possessed as a good witness. With the hope that we can adopt similar traits that can help us become powerful witnesses for Christ. Paul is a good example of how to be a good witness for Jesus Christ.

John's entire life has been building up to the arrival of Jesus, and now the man that John has been talking about for years shows up to get baptized, John said, God told me that whoever I see the spirit descend upon, will be the Christ, John said I saw it, and I bear witness to it.

I. BE A WITTNESS TO THE PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT John 1:32

A. Be A Witness of the Spirit, the spirit told him
B. Be A Witness by the Spirit, the spirit showed him
C. As a Witness the Spirit Must abide with you… 1st John 4:13

II. BE A WITTNESS SO OTHER FOLLOW JESUS… John 1:35-37

A. Be A Witness that can point Jesus out
B. Be A Witness that can help people hear and see
C. Be A Witness that encourages people to follow… 1st Cor 11:1

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III. BE A WITTNESS THAT PROMOTES FELLOWSHI WITH JESUS… John 1:38-39

A. Be A Witness that encourages people to leave where they are to follow Jesus
B. Be a Witness that helps other see why it time to move closer to God
C. Be a Witness that helps other connect with Jesus

IV. BE A WITNESS THAT BRINGS OTHERS… John 1:40-41

A. When you find Jesus tell others… Andrew told Simon
B. When you find Jesus bring others… Andrew brought Simon
C. Andrew brought his brother… start with those closest to you… Luke 5:18

V. BE A WITNESS THAT FOLLOWS… John 1:43

A. Be a witness that follows Jesus
B. Be a witness that is found by Jesus
C. Be a witness that responds to Jesus… Matt 4:20

VI. BE A WITNESS THAT OPERATES UNDER CHANGE John 1:42

A. When Simon came to Jesus, Jesus changed his name
B. Operate under the new name, the new name is related to the new purpose
C. The new name represents new character and new assignment… 2nd Cor 5:17