



Key Scripture:

2 Timothy 1:8 NKJV

Therefore **do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord**

John's Testimony

John 1:32-34 NIV

32 Then **John gave this testimony**: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on Him. 33 I would not have known Him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is He who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

34 **I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God.**"

Don't be surprised if...

- ✓ **People don't always treat you with respect.**

Matthew 14:3 ERV

Herod **had arrested John**. He **had him chained and put in prison**.

- ✓ **People that know you...will want to put a name on you.**

Luke 1:59 NLT

When the baby was eight days old, they all came for the circumcision ceremony.

They wanted to name him Zechariah, after his father.

- ✓ **People call you crazy.**

Matthew 11:18 Message

John came fasting and they **called him crazy**.

- ✓ **People you expect to believe...won't believe you.**

Matthew 21:32 NLT

For John the Baptist came and showed you the right way to live, **but you didn't believe him, while tax collectors and prostitutes did**. And even when you saw this happening, **you refused to believe him and repent of your sins**.

An encounter with God today...will be your testimony for others tomorrow.

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My Testimony

Tells Who I Am In Christ

Let your testimony tell who you are in Christ...

1. Be a loud voice that prepares people for Jesus.

John 1:19-23 NLT

19 **This was John's testimony** when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?"

20 He came right out and said, "I am not the Messiah."

21 "Well then, who are you?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?" "No," he replied.

"Are you the Prophet we are expecting?" "No."

22 "Then who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us.

What do you have to say about yourself?"

23 John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Clear the way for the Lord's coming!'"

2. Be an encourager to those who doubt.

Matthew 11:2-6 NLT

2 John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, 3 "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" 4 Jesus told them, **"Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen— 5 the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.**

6 And tell him, **'God blesses those who do not turn away because of Me.'**"

3. Be the person Jesus says you are.

Matthew 11:7-11 NLT

7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds. "What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see? Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind? 8 Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No, people with expensive clothes live in palaces. 9 Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a prophet. 10 John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say,

"Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

and he will prepare your way before you."

11 "I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist.

Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is!

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