

Great Swamp Baptist Church

October 24, 2021

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Sunday Morning Worship

10:30 AM

The Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Call To Worship

Hymn # 3

“Let’s Just Praise the Lord”

“Worthy of Worship”

Invocation

Fred Stanley

Selections of Praise & Worship

“Your Grace Is Enough”

“Overcome”

We Pray for Special Needs

Pastoral and Offertory Prayer

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Worship by Giving

Offertory Special

Olivia Stanley

“He Knows My Name”

Message

Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

Invitation

Benediction Prayer

Nursery Workers

Today: Vanessa Smoak
Helpers Needed; See Vanessa



Sunday Mornings

Following

The Song Service

Children's Church

Today: Olivia Stanley/Gideon Mobley/Emily Johnson



Tuesday Mornings @ 9:00am



DEACON OF THE WEEK :

Today:

Fred Stanley: 843-726-1963

Next Week:

Mack Pope: 843-540-6636



*From
Pastor
Ralph's
Desk:*



Elements For Giving You Testimony

(Daniel 4:1-3, 34-37)

Intro: Last time I preached, we examined the faith of King Nebuchadnezzar. We watched him over a period of time go from an ungodly pagan king to one who had great faith in God.

Now the reason why we know about his transformation from an ungodly pagan king to one who humbly submitted himself to God is because he himself told us so. He gave us a full blown testimony of what took place to get him to the place of total submission to God Almighty.

Now, I want to ask all of us that are hearing this message, would each of you be able to stand up before a group of people and give your testimony of coming to faith in God and submitting yourself unconditionally to the Lord Jesus Christ?

As Christians, we are called in God's Word several times to share our faith and testimony to our lost and dying world. Therefore, it behooves us to understand what are the elements that make up a testimony. That is what we are going to look at in this message by examining the elements of King Nebuchadnezzar's testimony. So, I am simply calling this message, Elements For Giving Your Testimony. So, as we examine these elements, you should be asking yourself, are they a part of my testimony?

I. First, let us notice that the first element required for giving your testimony is to have a testimony. (vs.1-4).

In these first four verses and actually through the chapter, the king mentions either his name or refers to himself with a personal pronoun over and over again. So, what this means is that he is not telling someone else's story but rather his own.

It is fine and all of us do it sharing what God has done in the lives of others. But the question we need to ask ourselves is, are we sharing the testimony of others because we are appreciative of what God has done in their lives or is it because we don't have a testimony of our own to share?

If you were a salesman and you approached someone to sell them your product, you will best be able to convince them to buy whatever it is, if you yourself have purchased the product and have used it yourself. For then you could explain how the product works and what are its' benefits.

If we are going to fulfill our God-given responsibility to be His witness to a lost, dying world and convince them to come to Jesus, then we need to have our own testimony so that we can best convince them of the benefits of knowing Jesus because we know Him. So, do you have a testimony.

II. Second, let us notice that the next element for giving your testimony is to have an audience to share it with. (vs. 1).

Now, King Nebuchadnezzar had a ready-made audience to share his testimony with. These are those people that he shared his testimony with; “King Nebuchadnezzar, to the peoples, nation, and men of every language who live in all the world...” (vs. 1). His audience was everyone under his control and that was most of the known world at that time.

Well our audience is the whole world as well. God called us to share the Gospel with every living creature. The world needs to hear our testimony of how God brought us unto Himself.

Now, I can hear you saying, well, I certainly am not a king who already has a ready-made audience. While that is true for the most of us, what we need to remember is that every community, town, city, state and nation are made up of individuals. Therefore, though we don't necessarily have a large audience, we can share to individuals around us.

So, don't come up with excuses for not sharing your testimony because you don't have an audience. Get out there and find one because God expects that of us and a lost and dying world needs it.

III. Third, let us notice the element for giving your testimony is to be passionate about sharing it. (vs.2).

In this verse, the king said that it was his pleasure to tell them about what God had done in his life. Now, this is the kind of passion that we are to have in the sharing of our testimony with our lost and dying world.

Tragically, we are hesitant to share our testimony and faith. Is it any wonder that the world may not want what we have because they don't notice any enthusiasm in our lives about our relationships with Christ, and our thrill over what He has done in us and for us. Our prayer should be that our passion for sharing our testimony and the Gospel of Jesus Christ should be like the Apostle Paul who said, “I am obligated both to the Greeks and the non Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the Gospel also to you who are at Rome. I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentiles.” (Romans 1:14-16.

IV. Let us notice that the fourth element for giving your testimony is to have the right message to share. (vs. 203).

In these verses, the king lets' his audience know what he is going to be sharing with them and what this is, is what God had done for him and to him.

You see the king had come to a place in his life where he believed and declared it in this chapter that all the great accomplishments of his empire were

The results of his own greatness, power and authority.

However, through the Prophet Daniel, God had prophesied that he, the king, would make such a declaration of himself and that when he did God would drive him out into the wilderness like a wild animal until he humbled himself and gave all the glory to God.

Well, it all happened the way that God prophesied it would and for seven years the king lived like a wild animal. But at the end of those seven years, the king finally humbled himself and submitted himself unto God, and as a result God restored him to his throne just as God said he would.

So the king's message was a message of all that God is, His great grace, mercy, forgiveness and power has brought him down until he humbled himself and place his trust in God.

Now, God has also called us in our testimonies to share with the world of all the great things God has done for us in bringing us to a place of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Now, here is the thing God did much before, with and to the king that were amazing, powerful and convicting. However, we have so much more things done, before, with and to us by our Lord that what God done to the king is seems small in comparison.

Christ had not yet come to earth while King Nebuchadnezzar walked upon the earth. But He has come, of course, long before us.

So, we can tell of how Christ came to earth, born of a virgin, performed miracle after miracle, then died on the cross for our sins and three days later victoriously arose from the dead to give us forgiveness and eternal life. Oh, how great is our Savior and Lord! Oh, what testimony we have to share. Are you sharing this amazing story? It alone can save a sinner.

V. Let us notice that the fifth element for giving your testimony is the reason for sharing it.

In the last point, the king had warned the people not to say anything against the God of the three Hebrew men. However, in our present chapter, God is not just Daniel's God, or the three other Hebrew men. Now, God is the king's God.

So, if when the king didn't claim God as his God, but warned no one to speak out against Him, how do you think he feels now that he has submitted to God as his God? Well, the answer is quite obvious and that would be that he not only wants them not to speak against God but to humble themselves before God as he had done and submitted to His authority.

So the reason to share our testimony is to help others to come to that place of repentance, which involves humbling ourselves and believing in Christ with total surrender.

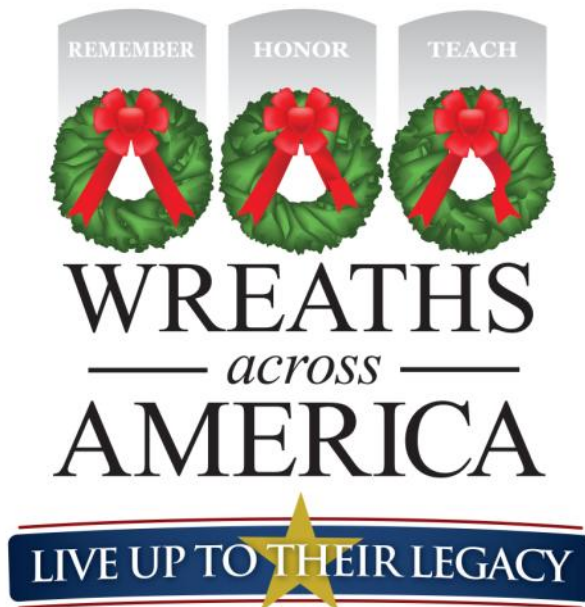
Concl. There are many examples in the Word of God where the testimony of one brought someone else to salvation in Christ. In the first chapter of John, Andrew went and found his brother, Simon Peter, and brought him to Jesus after he had already met Jesus. A few verses later Philip found a man called Nathaniel and convinced him to come to Jesus after he himself had come to Jesus.

Then we all know the story of the woman at the well who met Jesus, got saved then ran back to town and convinced many to come out and meet the Jesus as well and many of them got saved.

So, start sharing your testimony of coming to Jesus and it may cause others as well to come to Him.

Jesus Loves You

Ralph Lee, Jr.



Wreaths Across America 2021

Order a wreath for your loved ones.

Cost: \$15.00 each

Cut-off Date: Sunday, November 28th

The list is on the bulletin board on the back wall.



Movie Night

October 24th

Concessions: 5:00 pm

Movie: 5:30 pm

Popcorn & Tea provided

Bring finger foods to share

Harvest Fest

Saturday, October 30th
5:00pm-8:00pm



Trunk or Treat
Hay Bale Maze
Noah's Ark Bounce House



Cake Walk
Bingo
Chili Cook Off
Corn Hole



Pumpkin Decorating
Hot Dogs
Snow Cones
Live Music





October

*Items and amounts still needed
or monetary donations.*

*Scissors—37
Wash Cloths—253
Soap—207*

Packing Party

Saturday, November 6th

10am-3pm

Youth Annex

Bring finger foods

Sunday School Classes

@

9:15am

CAMO CLASS *Room 406* **Leader- Bobby Smith**
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GLEANERS CLASS *Room 401* **Leader-Audrey Roberts**
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VISIONARIES CLASS *Building 3, Old Social Hall*
Leader-
.....

SOJOURNERS CLASS *Room 417* **Leader-Mack Pope**
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YOUTH *Youth Annex* **Leader-Faye Lowther**

Wednesday Night Services

@ 7pm

WORSHIP SERVICE *Multi-Purpose Building*
Leader-Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr.

YOUTH GROUP *Youth Annex*
Leader-Michelle Waitt

R.A.'S (Royal Ambassadors) *Room 417*
Leader-Pat Mason

G.A.'S (GIRLS IN ACTION) *Room 415*
Leader-Carol Davis/Diane Thames



<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>27th</i>	<i>Carol Bradham</i>
		<i>Fred Stanley</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>28th</i>	<i>Rayce Dennen</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>30th</i>	<i>Lawton Moser</i>
		<i>Bjo Mills</i>



<i>Monday</i>	<i>25th</i>	<i>Eddie & Vandy Amason</i>



SFCA
After School Helper
Needed ASAP

2-6pm Monday thru Friday
See Donna Carter

Additional Help Needed

For
Wednesday Night's
GA's & RA's

We would like to expand to include Mission Friends.
Youth or adults are encouraged to inquire.
See Kim Malphrus or Diane Thames.



WEDNESDAY
NIGHT
Suppers

Wednesday Night Supper
Menu

To Be Announced

\$5.00 each or \$15.00 for a family of 4 or more.



GSBC Prayer Page

*Ralph Lee, Jr. - Pastor
Richard Waitt- Music Director
Deacons*

Leadership
*President / Vice President of the
United States of America*

Hospitals
*Donna Roberts
Jennifer Pitts Key*

Surgery / Recovery
*Skylar Saygen
Michelle Rooks
Judy Rogers
Louise McAlhaney
Chance Tracey
Ralph Lee, Jr.
Wanda Davis*

Nursing Centers
*Elaine Degler-RNC
Wilma Jean McGill-RNC
Bobby Mohn-Indigo Pines HHI
Byron Vaigneur-Assist.
Grace Boyles-RNC
Dot Nettles-RNC*

Church Needs
*Sunday School
SFCA-Donna Carter
Child Development
Ministries*

Unspoken
*Jessica Cleland
Steve Crosby
Heather Betz
Randy Bethune
Jason Holt*

Cancer / Treatments
*Douglas Denegel
Becky Goretzka
Gail Sims
Skip Brooks
Regina Bouye
Kaiaya Alston
Wesley Ethridge
Jay Dalton
Raj's Mother*

*Ministries
Outreach Ministry
In reach Ministry*

Bereavement
*Family of
Chad Atwood*

Other Health Needs
*Lloyd Way
Loony Jones
(Jeffrey Stanley's Grandfather)
Tracey Lake
Keith Gamo
Pinky Rushing
Phyllis Sutler
Sara Davis
Bob Cramer
Shelby Green
Karen Phillipi
Bertha Kinard
Ron & Marie Malphrus
Kenny Hay
Lee Martin
Alexus Busby
Natalyn Mann
Mary Kay
David Raines
Ellen Nettles
Jess & Tabby Arzillo
Charlie Carter*

Please Continue To Remember

Homebound

*Shirley Malphrus
Rose Boyles
Judy Smith
Vera Floyd
Barbara Mills
Alice & Gary Way
Kenny Smith
Carol Bradham
Diane Hannah*

*Dot Nettles
Tom Hinely
Scott Boyles
Ann Blocker
Kenneth & Doby Cleland
Redden & Gloria Tuten
Lucille & Ron Degler
Red & Helen Malphrus*

Pray For Our Military

*Sgt. Jared Blanton-Deployed
Matthew Mills-US Marines
Jericho Malphrus-Sp. Agent / Air Force
Washington, D.C.
Michael Sottile - Deployed
Tristan Blanton-San Diego/ SWCC
Andrea C. Daring-Coast Guard Basic Training*

Church Staff

Pastor: Pastor Ralph Lee, Jr*jehu27@gmail.com*

Music Director: Richard Waitt*waittfamily83@gmail.com*

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Landscaper: Wallace Malphrus*Josie6@embarqmail.com*

Finance Director: Timmy Sauls*greatswampbc@gmail.com*

Stewardship

Tithes	This Week	Weekly Budget	Surplus/Deficit + / -
	\$ 4,361.00	\$ 4,982.47	- \$ 521.47
<i>Online Offerings</i>	\$ 100.00		
Designated Funds	This Week	*****	Acct. Balances
<i>Senior Trip</i>	\$ 354.00	*****	\$ 4,163.13
<i>George Pepper Scholarship</i>	\$ 20.00	*****	\$ 39.83
<i>Kitchen Supplies</i>	\$ 100.00	*****	\$ 207.00
<i>Operation Christmas Child</i>	\$ 200.00	*****	\$ 738.75

*A gift of \$50.00 has been given to the Operation Christmas Child
In Memory of
Mary V. Daley and Ada V. McDowell
By Patricia Malphrus.*

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In Honor of
Alice Way for her many years with Operation Christmas Child
By Patricia Malphrus..*



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Sunday School.....9:15AM
Morning Worship.....10:30AM
Wednesday Night Service.....7:00PM

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