



# Power From on High

**Series:** Power From On High

**Text:** Acts 22:1-15

**Title:** How Suffering Can Turn Into  
Witnessing, Part 3

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## **How to transform trials into testimonies:**

1. Expect opposition as a result of bold faith.
2. Embrace hardship as God's will.
3. Look for evidence of God's providence.
4. Determine to turn adversity into purposeful moments for witnessing.

**Personal testimonies are appropriate only when they center on how Christ has transformed us.**

Acts 22:1–15 “Brethren and fathers, hear my defense which I now offer to you.” 2 And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew dialect, they became even more quiet; and he said, 3 “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated under Gamaliel, strictly according to the law of our fathers, being zealous for God just as you all are today.

## **How to give a testimony to those who oppose us:**

1. Pursue conflict \_\_\_\_\_

A. Be kind and \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Appeal to \_\_\_\_\_

**He shared the same roots.**

**He shared the same religious training.**

**He shared the same zeal.**

**A question we should ask ourselves.**

What do I have in common with my audience that I can build on?

**2. Share our \_\_\_\_\_ life as an unbeliever.**

4 “I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons, 5 as also the high priest and all the Council of the elders can testify. From them I also received letters to the brethren, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished.

**“this Way”**

A. Be honest and \_\_\_\_\_  
about our past.

1) It shows \_\_\_\_\_.

2) It creates \_\_\_\_\_

3) It builds \_\_\_\_\_

4) It puts the spotlight on our need for the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Honesty downplays our worthiness

2. Highlights the power of the gospel to change lives to bring hope, healing, and renewal.

**Three main features of a testimony:**

1. A respectful appeal that builds relational bridges.

2. An honest and transparent description of our life before salvation

3. A detailed description of our own conversion.

6 “But it happened that as I was on my way, approaching Damascus about noontime, a very bright light suddenly flashed from heaven all around me,

7 and I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’ 8 “And I answered, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.’

**Important characteristics of the salvation experience:**

1. It requires God’s \_\_\_\_\_ .

John 3:7–8 “Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 “The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

2. It requires a transformative \_\_\_\_\_  
with Jesus Christ.

3. It requires hearing God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

4. It requires a posture of brokenness and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

5. it requires a revelation of who \_\_\_\_\_ is.

6. It requires submission to the \_\_\_\_\_  
of Christ.

9 “And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the One who was speaking to me. 10 “And I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Get up and go on into Damascus, and there you will be told of all that has been appointed for you to do.’

11 “But since I could not see because of the brightness of that light, I was led by the hand by those who were with me and came into Damascus.

12 “A certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, and well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there, 13 came to me, and standing near said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight!’ And at that very time I looked up at him.

14 “And he said, ‘The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth.

**“appointed”**

**“know His will”**

To see the **“Righteous One”**

**“utterance from His mouth.**

15 ‘For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard.

## Discussion Guide

1. Have you ever taken the time to work on a a testimony?

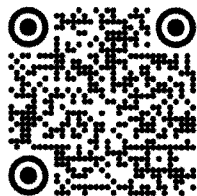
How about assigning the group to write down their own testimony based on Paul's example.

2. One of the keys to witnessing is to find common ground. Think of other ways we can build relational bridges with unbelievers.

3. How does the heavenly light and the voice of Jesus on the Damascus road (vv.6–8) challenge Paul's understanding of who God is and what true salvation looks like?

How can we use this scene to speak to those who believe in works salvation or justification by keeping the Law?

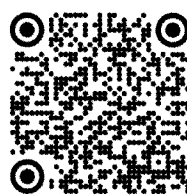
4. What did you learn from today's lesson that may be new or greater clarity to a doctrine you already know?



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