



Eye Witness

Group #2: I Can Speak for Myself

John 9:23 (NASB95)

23 For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

QUOTE:

“Sometimes a single phrase of testimony can set events in motion that affect someone’s life for eternity.”

- Dieter F. Uchtdorf

Pastor’s Big Point: You can speak for yourself! You are an eye-witness of just how good God is. Nobody can tell it like you and the world needs to hear from you. Even when your current situation is less than perfect, it doesn’t disqualify you from speaking on behalf of God’s goodness. You don’t have to have a fully complete and perfect blessing to testify about our God. If He has ever done anything for you, you have enough to share. Tonight’s lesson is designed to encourage you—to speak confidence into—and dispel any and every lie the devil has attempted to plant in the hearts and minds of believers. Your testimony could be attached to many others accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Do you want your victory testimony to be, “He did it, but I doubted Him the entire time?” Or “I never gave up hope!” Take courage.

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Discussion

The gospel narrative we will review today looks at the text of the man who had been blind from birth – settled within himself that his long-suffering difficulties were normal and acceptable.

He smiled at everyone, yet silently gave up. Can you think of a situation that had been uncomfortable and messy for so long that you never thought would change?...but God!



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Pastor's Teaching Points

1. **Man.** John 9:1. As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.
2. **Misconception.** John 9:2. *"Rabbi," his disciples asked him, why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins*
3. **Method.** John 9:6-7. *"Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. He told him, **"Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam"***
4. **Miracle.** John 9:8-9. *His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said he was, and others said, "No, he just looks like him!" But the beggar kept saying, "Yes I am the same one!"*
5. **Masses.**

Reference Scriptures:

Consider the following scriptures and how they tie into or effect our lesson.

*Mark 2:16-17 (NLT) — 16 But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him [Jesus] eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked, "Why does he eat with such scum?" 17 When Jesus heard this, he told them, **"Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners."***



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Discussion Questions:

1. Our Pastor recently shared his testimony of dealing with panic, grief, and loss. What's your experience with sharing a testimony that you were once embarrassed to share?
2. Have Life Church is *Holy Ghost contagious* with prayer, praise, worship, and active participation in the sanctuary. What strategies do you use to keep that same Jesus energy active outside the sanctuary throughout the week?