

Day Eight

Witness

Read

The Apostle Paul's Testimony
Acts 26



There are generally two main reasons why we witness. One is to bring glory to God; to draw others closer to God. The other is to encourage and inspire others in their walk with God – which is our focus for day eight.

Everyone loves a good story. We read books, watch movies, and listen to songs but we may or may not realise that these are various forms of storytelling. Stories draw us in and captivate our minds and our hearts. Stories can connect with people in a very personal and powerful way. We want to use this gift of storytelling to be a blessing to others.

We sometimes call testimonies “True Stories” because that’s what they are – stories of and from our own lives and experiences. This is why we strongly encourage our RevoJutionaries to keep telling their stories. Some have good endings, some are funny, while some are slightly more towards a tragedy. But there is always something to learn from a story.

The Bible itself is a collection of True Stories. It includes the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, so that we might learn all God would have us learn when we read the Word of God. Sharing your story is powerful because you just never know who it will impact and how far the impact will go. There have been countless instances where someone’s story has inspired someone else’s story, what someone did gave an idea to someone else etc. We share and leave the rest and the results to God.



Mission

Gather in your Groups and get everyone to share their True Stories! Also, have someone share a Group testimony... something that you as a Revo Group have experienced in the past or recently. Then, get onto social media or the urtherevolution.com website and publish your True Stories! Experience just how simple it really is!



Prayer

Dear God, I thank You that I am part of Your grand story, and I thank You for the gift of storytelling – the ability and the opportunities I have and will open up to me in the future, to testify of Your goodness to others. I pray that I will always experience You personally, so that I may always have fresh testimonies. Give me the boldness to share with others, so that they can be blessed by what You have done in and through my life. In Jesus' name, Amen!

REVO STORY

What is it that you have?

“College students are always busy with coursework, assignments and exams. During this semester’s exams, everyone in my class made a pact to cheat for every paper, including our coursework. Somehow, they found a way to do it without being caught. So for each paper, they were looking at each other’s answers, discussing and whispering while the exam was going on.

Despite the peer pressure, I was reminded that as Christians, we should make a difference. So I made a stand for God to not follow their ways. Upon entering the

exam hall, I made a decision to sit at the front, where the lecturers can witness my every move. This is a firm choice to honour God by preventing any temptations to cheat.

The results came after a few weeks and I received the highest grade in class for every subject! Praise God. The testimony didn't just stop there, I found out that there was another classmate who didn't cheat as well. On the contrary, he got the lowest mark in class.

He was sad and frustrated, he was comparing our results. I tried to comfort him. He asked me many questions, but the main question was this, 'What is it that you have, but I don't have?' I answered, 'Jesus!' He came from a Chinese-educated background, thus it was hard for me to communicate about Jesus whom I believe in.

Then, I remembered that our college CF is planning an Easter event. In fact, the speaker we invited will be preaching in Mandarin (with an English translator) about God's love and forgiveness. It was going to be held next week.

Initially, he rejected the invitation as it clashed with his guitar exam. I refused to give up so I continued to pray for him. On the day of the event, I passed him the Easter flyer and invited him again. That night, I kept watching out for him. An hour had passed and he was not in sight. It started to rain too and I felt hopeless. When I was feeling disappointed, I suddenly saw my friend storming through the rain after his guitar exam. He missed the skit but he made it in time for the preaching and he responded to the message that night!"

– Justin Ooi, *Tunku Abdul Rahman College, 2010*

Who would have thought that by standing firm in your principles and integrity to honour God, God will not only honour you back, but He will use your story to impact and inspire others.