

# Testimony Sunday

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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**Public proclamation of  
previous positive progress**

Rough definition.

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Come, listen and rejoice at what the Lord has been doing in other people's lives.

There will be space to share *your* 'God Story' too if you wish. If possible, let John know beforehand if you wish to say something to ensure you get a place. A maximum of 5 minutes each is helpful.

Testimony – by written language (Onward, book, blog, Facebook)

[the Bible is chocka block with testimonies!]

by spoken language (a few this morning)

by action

(all of us – not deceiving or cheating others,  
showing inner peace when in turmoil)

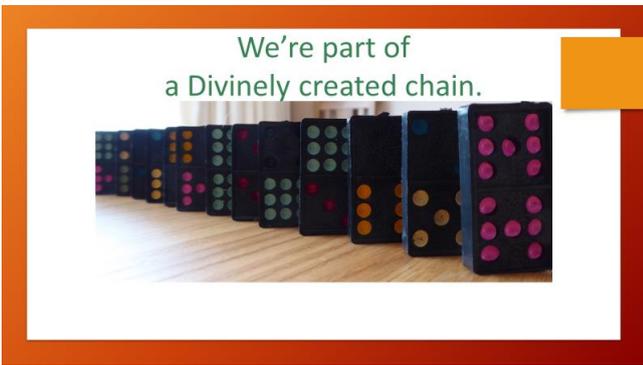
Giving a testimony is just chatting with someone about what God has done for you. This is good for both Christians and the heathen. It's a great idea to let others know our "God story."



We are fighting a very real spiritual battle. It's just as real as the 1<sup>st</sup> World War. Does talking to anyone about God seem difficult, even like going into an encounter with the enemy? Is speaking about God with a friend like going into a dog-fight with Manfred von Richthofen (the 'Red Baron')?



Used to watch Record Breakers in the 1970s and 1980s. Lots of records were beyond me, but some could be done by me in miniature form. Two dominoes. The 55 out of packaging and start to assemble. Several people help! This is just like testifying to people. It would be rare for one person to testify to someone who has never heard about the necessity of a personal Saviour and then they say, "Yes I want to follow Jesus!" Often, it's one person speaking and then another a few days or months later and then another and then another. We are often in a chain that has been created by God. We only have to be ready, prepared and available.





Whatever our personality, are we ready to be used by God? Are we praying to be involved in a succession of Divine appointments. Are we prepared in season and out of season to talk about God to others, as Paul encouraged Timothy to do?



You might not like talking to strangers! You might not like talking to people you know about your feelings and emotions. You might consider yourself to be a private person and tell very few people about what is going on internally. The great thing is: God has broader shoulders than ours. When you take the courage and speak out for what God has done for and in you, God will look after you.

Testimonies can be powerful and we all have one. I *wasn't* a drug addict, sexually deviant, a bank robber or a murderer before I became a Christian. I *was* a liar, a cheat, envious, selfish and unkind. I *was* a sinner. I needed a Saviour. We can pray for each other and that God would create opportunities for each of us to share our continuing story with others over the next few weeks.