



Becoming storytellers..

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What is a testimony?

Definition:

- *“a formal written or spoken statement, especially one given in a court of law.”*
- *synonyms: evidence, sworn statement, attestation, affidavit; More*
- *a public recounting of a religious conversion or experience.*

Psalm 78

A Contemplation of Asaph.

Give ear, O my people, to my law;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings of old,

3 Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us.

4 We will not hide them from their children,
Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord,
And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done.

5 For He established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers,
That they should make them known to their children;
6 That the generation to come might know them,
The children who would be born,
That they may arise and declare them to their children,

Exodus 15 – Context is everything..

The Song of Moses

15 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying:

**“I will sing to the Lord,
For He has triumphed gloriously!**

**The horse and its rider
He has thrown into the sea!**

**2 The Lord is my strength and song,
And He has become my salvation;
He is my God, and I will praise Him;
My father’s God, and I will exalt Him.**

**3 The Lord is a man of war;
The Lord is His name.**

**4 Pharaoh’s chariots and his army He has cast into the sea;
His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.**

**5 The depths have covered them;
They sank to the bottom like a stone.**

The big show-down..



Waters Turn to Blood
Exodus 7:14-25



Amphibians (Frogs)
Exodus 7:26-8:11



Gnats (Lice)
Exodus 8:12-15



Flies
Exodus 8:16-28



Disease on Livestock
Exodus 9:1-7

The Ten Plagues of Egypt



Unhealable Boils
Exodus 9:8-12



Hail and Fire
Exodus 9:13-35



Locusts
Exodus 10:1-20



Darkness
Exodus 10:21-29



Death of First-Born
Exodus 11:1-12:36

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The Red sea crossing..



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Why did God deal so harshly with Egypt?:

1. To show His might..
2. To judge Egypt's Gods, idolatry, occult & wickedness
3. So the people would have a story to tell their children

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In closing, we commit to:

1. Becoming storytellers of:

- The story
- Our story