



TESTIFY

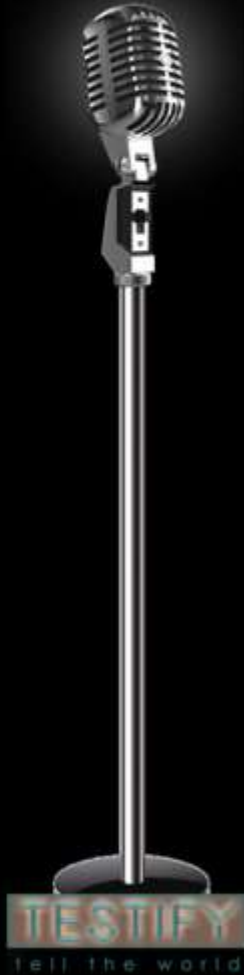
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Definitions of “Testify”

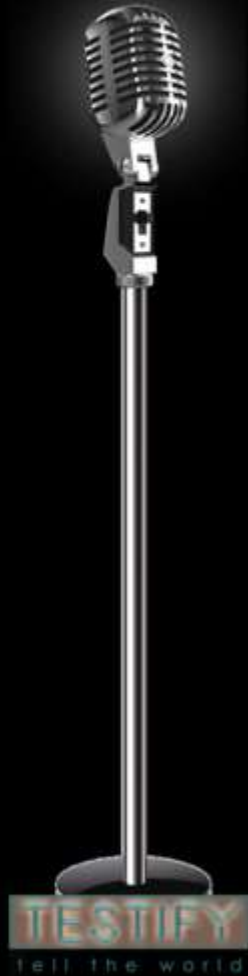
To bear witness to

To make known

To speak seriously about something



“Tell me a story”



Do you have a story?

Can you Testify about God's grace?

Psalm 40



I waited patiently for the Lord (יְהוָה; Yahweh);
and He inclined to me and heard my cry.

Psalm 40:1

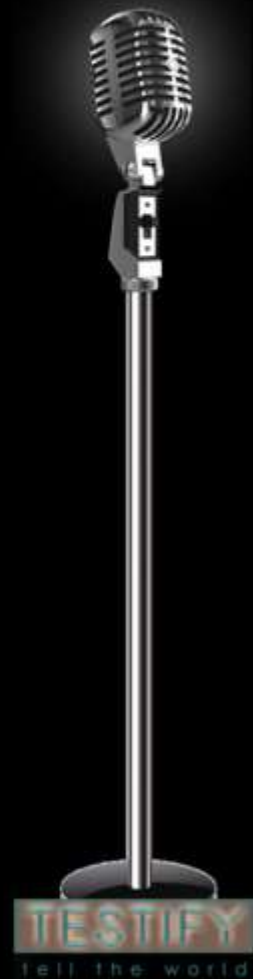
Could there be a better story than...
“the Almighty God cares about ME”?



He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.

Psalm 40:2

My story is about pain and deliverance,
about a past and a future



Can MY life tell a story?

Prophet Samuel said to King Saul about David...

“But now your kingdom shall not endure. **The Lord has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart**, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.” 1 Samuel 13:14

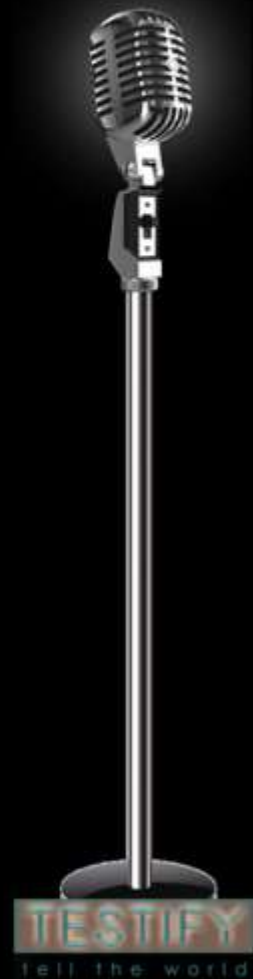
If David faced fear and doubt and pain and ridicule, so will I



He put a new song in my mouth, a
song of praise to our God; many will
see and fear and will trust in the Lord.

Psalm 40:3

When I Testify, MANY will see and
fear and trust in the Lord



Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of the godly ones.

Psalm 149:1

When I Testify... I can sing to the Lord a
NEW song of an OLD story



Youtube video

Alan Jackson

The Old, Old Story

https://youtu.be/OrCpKa_xOcE



How blessed is the man who has made the Lord his trust, and has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood.

Psalm 40:4

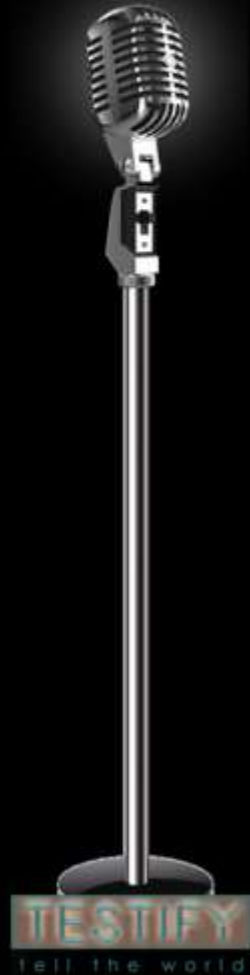
My story is now about trusting in the Lord,
NOT my own talents or ideas or strengths



Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders which
You have done, and Your thoughts toward us;
there is none to compare with You. If I would
declare and speak of them, they would be too
numerous to count.

Psalm 40:5

Concerning God's grace in my life...
I don't have just ONE story to tell



Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired;
my ears You have opened; burnt offering and sin
offering You have not required. Then I said,
“Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is
written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God;
Your Law is within my heart.”

Psalm 40:6-8

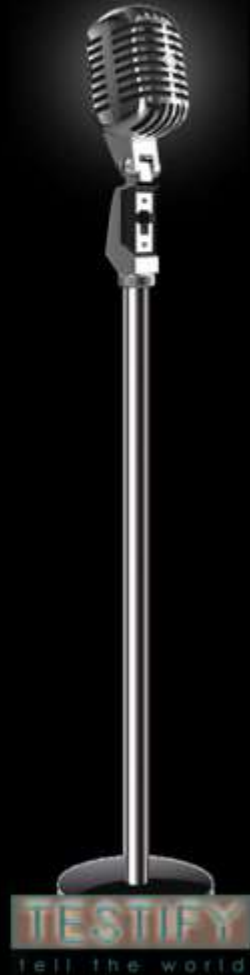
My story as a disciple of Jesus is a story of
obedience... doing God's will out of love NOT guilt



I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I will not restrain my lips, O Lord, You know. I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great congregation.

Psalm 40:9-10

When I Testify about my Savior, I will not restrain my lips and will not conceal His lovingkindness and truth



בִּישׁוּרְתֵי צְדָק בְּקֹהֵל רַב הִנֵּה שְׂפָתַי לֹא אֶכְלָא
יְהוָה אֶתְּה יַדְּ עֵת

צְדָקָתְךָ לֹא-כִסִּיתִיו בְּתוֹךְ לִבִּי אֲמוֹנָתְךָ
וּתְשׁוּעָתְךָ אֶמְרֵתִי לֹא-כִתְתִי חֲסִדְךָ וְאַמְתְּךָ לְקֹהֵל
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Psalm 40:9-10

“I will not restrain my lips”

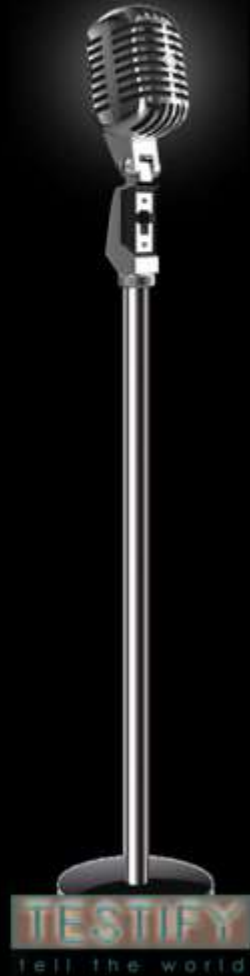
se-fatai lo ek-la



You, O Lord, will not withhold Your
compassion from me; Your
lovingkindness and Your truth will
continually preserve me.

Psalm 40:11

MY story tells of HIS continuous grace



For evils beyond number have surrounded me; my iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see; they are more numerous than the hairs of my head, and my heart has failed me.

Psalm 40:12

My story includes LOTS of mistakes and regrets



Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;
make haste, O Lord, to help me.

Psalm 40:13

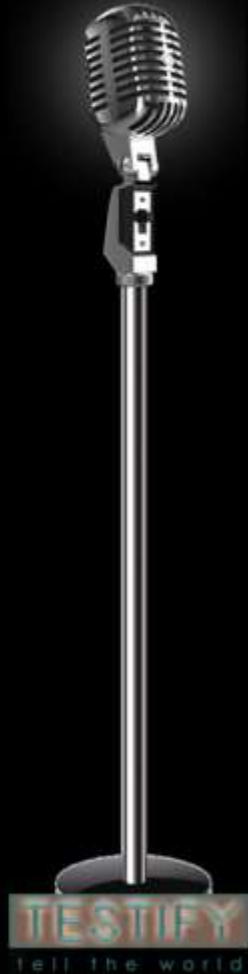
My story cannot continue if the Lord
abandons me



Let those be ashamed and humiliated together
who seek my life to destroy it; let those be
turned back and dishonored who delight in my
hurt. Let those be appalled because of their
shame who say to me, “Aha, aha!”

Psalm 40:14-15

My story includes people who have tried to
hurt me and humiliate me



Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; let those who love Your salvation say continually, “The Lord be magnified!”

Psalm 40:16

My story rejoices in a loving and forgiving redeemer



Since I am afflicted and needy, let the Lord be mindful of me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.

Psalm 40:17

My story is no longer about me, it is about my deliverer



Who can Testify?



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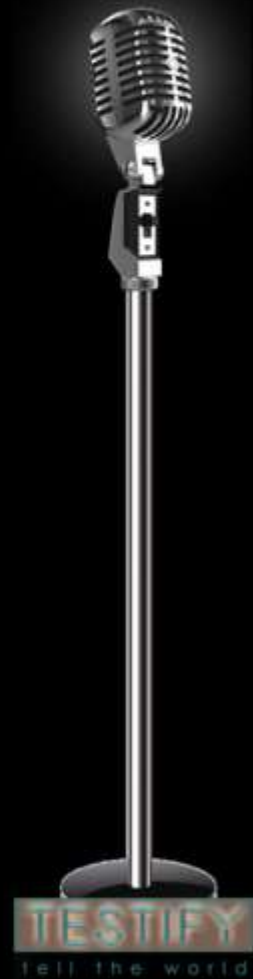
Those who have been touched by Jesus

Those who have a story



video

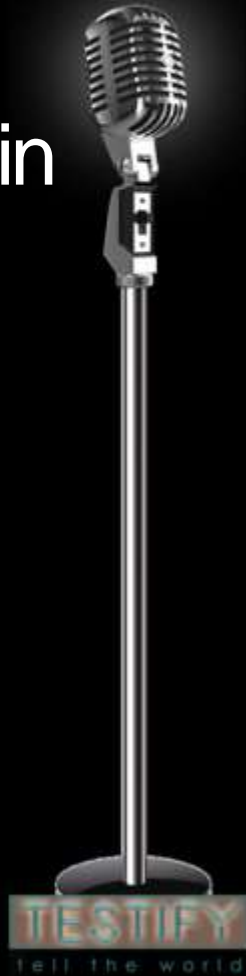
Sally Roman video



What does TESTIFY look like?

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Can YOU Testify?

