



TESTIFY

t e l l t h e w o r l d

Definitions of “Testify”

To bear witness to

To make known

To speak seriously about something



What does TESTIFY look like?

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

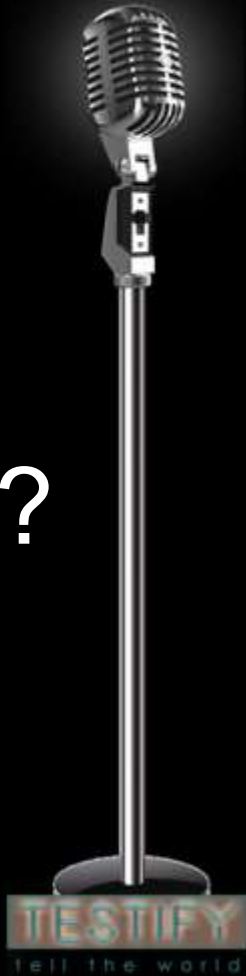


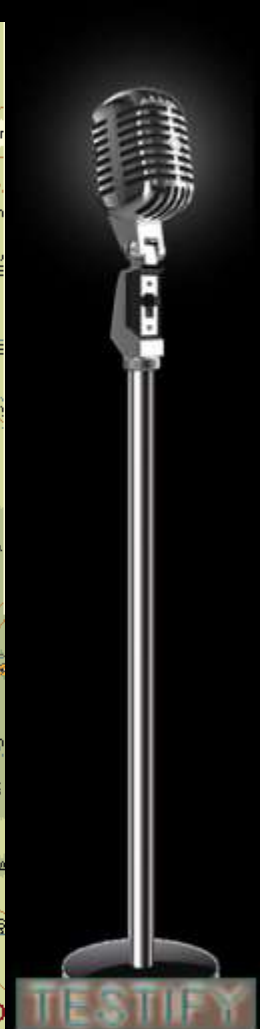
“Tell me a story”

Do you have a story?

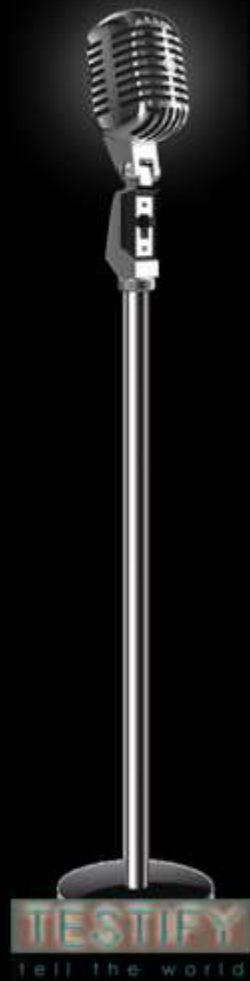
Can you Testify about God’s grace?

Mark 5



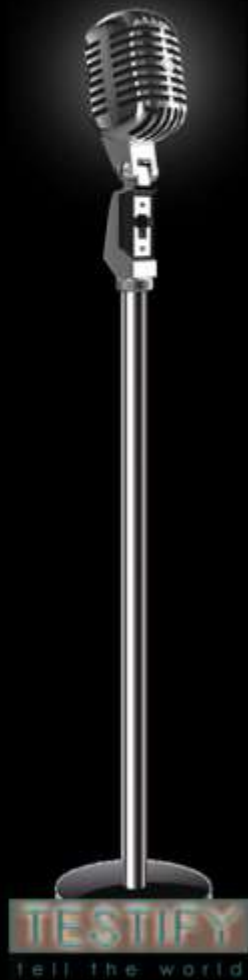


TESTIFY
tell the world



VISIT ISRAEL WITH PASTOR TREY

WANT TO SEE PROPHECY FULFILLED? ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT "ISRAEL BY THE BOOK" TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND WITH PASTOR TREY GRAHAM? THE MARCH TRIP IS NOW FULL. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SEEING ISRAEL THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, THROUGH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, EMAIL RADIO@FIRSTMELISSA.COM TO FIND OUT COST, ITINERARY AND DETAILS.



They* came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes.

Mark 5:1

*Jesus and His 12 disciples after the miracle of Jesus calming the storms and winds (see Mark 4)



Who are the Gerasenes?

The inhabitants of Gadara, in Revised Version called “Gerasenes” (Mark 5:1; Luke 8:26, 37).

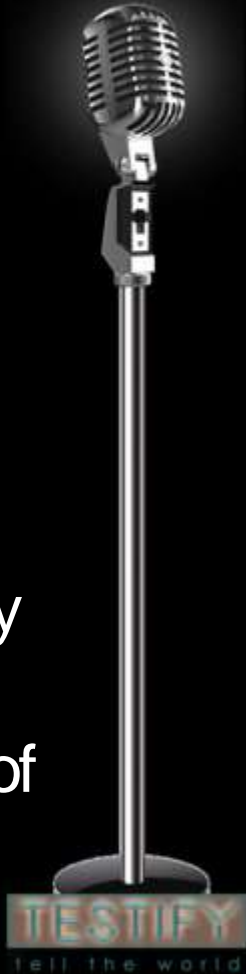
In Matthew 8:28 they are called “Gergesenes” or “Gadarenes.”

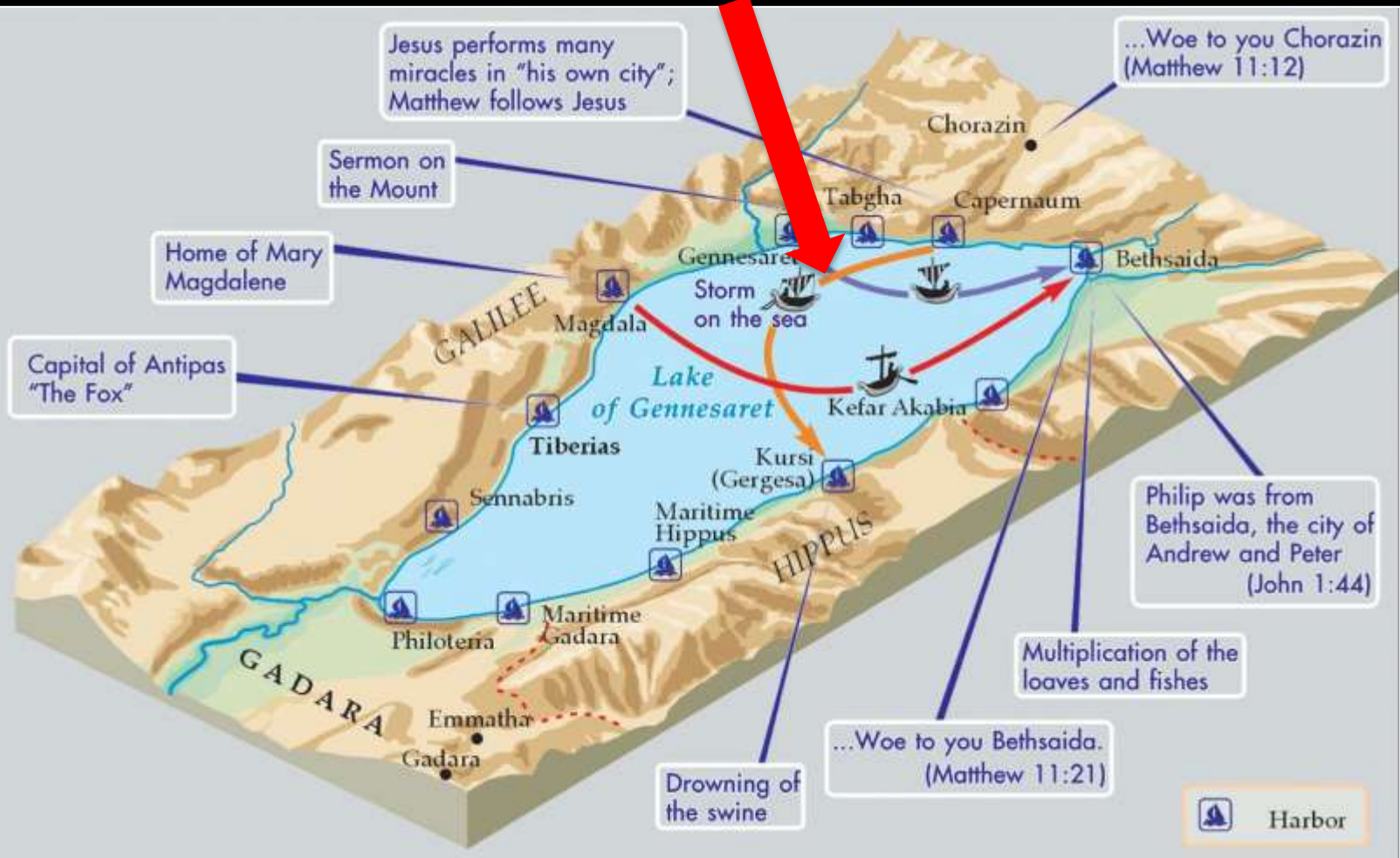
- Harper's Bible Dictionary



What is Gadara?

The capital of the Roman province of Peraea. It stood on the summit of a mountain about 6 miles southeast of the Sea of Galilee. Mark (5:1) and Luke (8:26–39) describe the miracle of the healing of the demoniac as having been wrought “in the country of the Gadarenes.” The most interesting remains of Gadara are its **tombs**, which dot the cliffs for a considerable distance round the city, chiefly on the northeast; many beautifully sculptured sarcophagi are scattered over the surrounding heights. They are excavated in the limestone rock, and consist of chambers of various dimensions, some more than 20 feet square, with recesses in the sides for bodies. -Easton's Bible Dictionary





Jesus performs many miracles in "his own city"; Matthew follows Jesus

...Woe to you Chorazin (Matthew 11:12)

Sermon on the Mount

Home of Mary Magdalene

Capital of Antipas "The Fox"

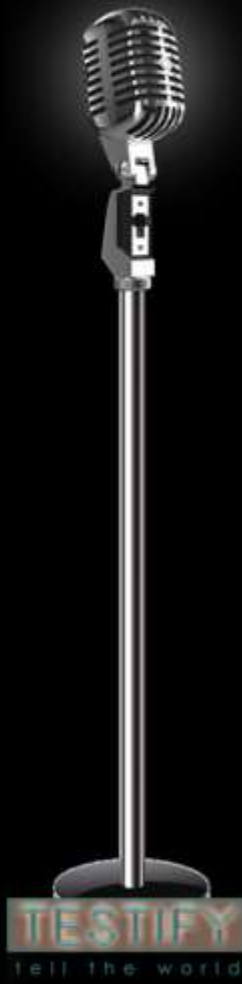
Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter (John 1:44)

Multiplication of the loaves and fishes

...Woe to you Bethsaida. (Matthew 11:21)

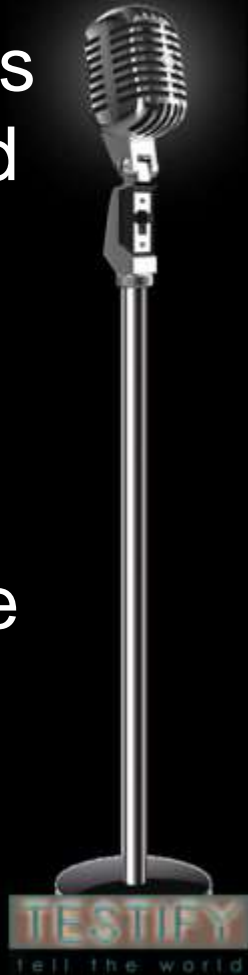
Drowning of the swine

 Harbor



When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the **tombs** with an unclean spirit met Him, and he had his dwelling among the **tombs**. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain; because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the **tombs** and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones. Mark 5:2-5

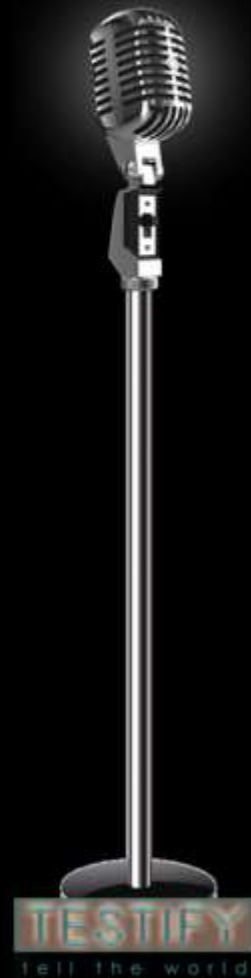
What do you do when human help is not possible?



Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; and shouting with a loud voice, he said, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the **Most High God**? I implore You by God, do not torment me!” Mark 5:6-7

* “Most High God” was a typical Gentile name for the God of Israel – see Gen. 14:18-24, Num. 24:16, Isa. 14:14, Dan. 3:26

*“ You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.” James 2:19



For He (Jesus) had been saying to him,
“Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”
And He was asking him, “What is your
name?” And he said to Him, “My name is
Legion; for we are many.” And he began
to implore Him earnestly not to send them
out of the country. Mark 5:8-10

Legion = a military unit of approx. 6,000 Roman soldiers

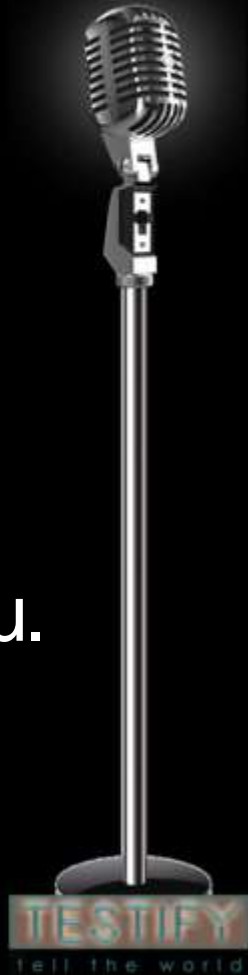


Now there was a large herd of swine feeding nearby on the mountain. Mark 5:11

Why don't Jews eat pork?

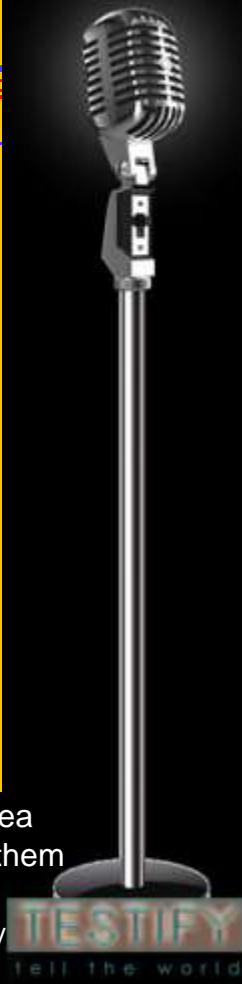
The Lord said to Moses, “You shall not eat any detestable thing... The pig, because it divides the hoof but does not chew the cud, it is unclean for you. You shall not eat any of their flesh nor touch their carcasses.”

Deuteronomy 14:3, 8 (see also Leviticus 11:7)





Decapolis - a federation of ten cities of Hellenistic culture in an area east of Samaria and Galilee. Roman scholar Pliny the Elder lists them as Damascus, Philadelpha, Raphana, Scythopolis, Gadara, Hippos, Dion, Pella, Gerasa, and Canatha. – Harper's Bible Dictionary

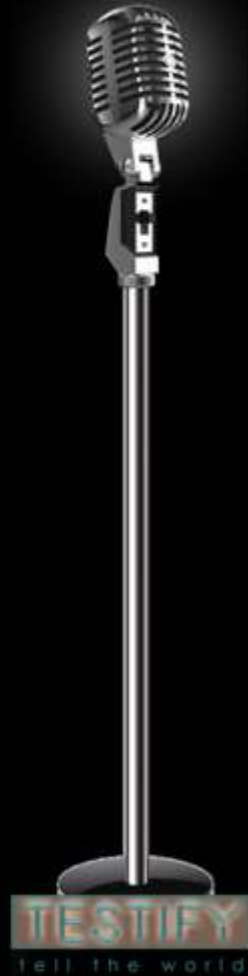


The demons implored Him, saying, “Send us into the swine so that we may enter them.” Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they were drowned in the sea. Mark 5:12-13

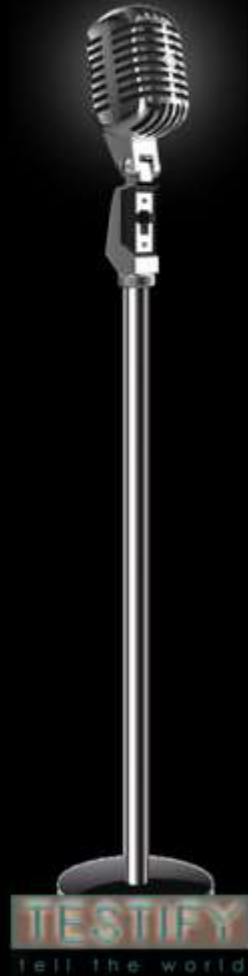
* The demons begged Jesus not to send them yet to eternal punishment in the lake of fire— see Matthew 8:29 and Revelation 20:10



Swine go over the cliff



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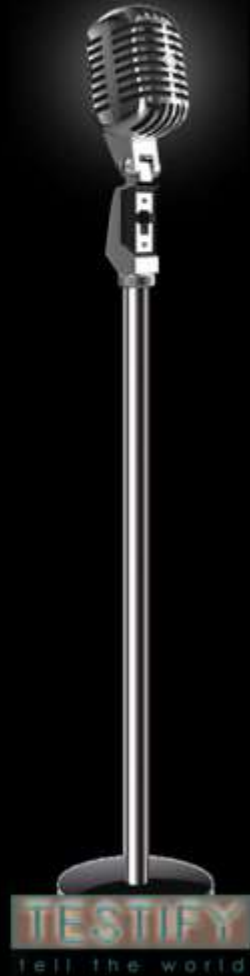
What do you need deliverance from?

- Pain caused by others
- Shame over your actions
- Regret over actions you did not take
- Hurt caused by a loved one
- Feelings of abandonment
- Selfishness and pride
- Habitual sin you cannot leave behind
- Refusing to trust God



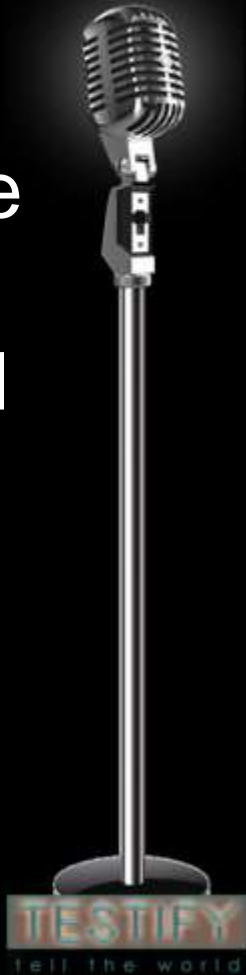
Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and in the country. And the people came to see what it was that had happened. Mark 5:14

When Jesus truly changes a person's life, people around them are curious.



They came to Jesus and observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the “legion”; and they became frightened. Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and all about the swine. Mark 5:15-16

Other people can notice real life change in the person who has encountered Jesus

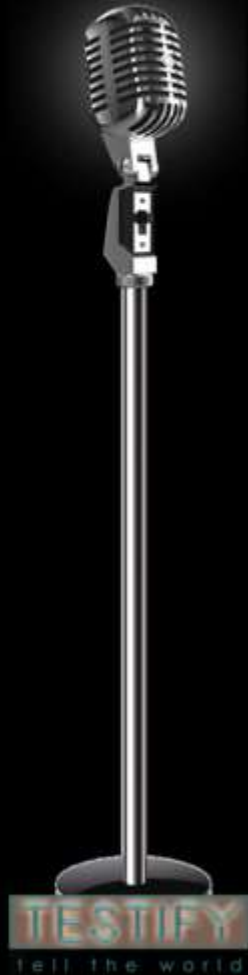


And they began to implore Him to leave their region. Mark 5:17

And all the people of the country of the Gerasenes and the surrounding district asked Him to leave them, **for they were gripped with great fear**; and He got into a boat and returned.

Luke 8:37

Why ask Jesus to leave? What are we afraid of?



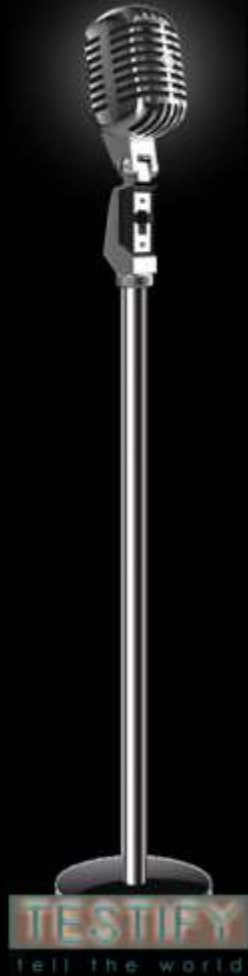
As He was getting into the boat,
the man who had been demon-
possessed was imploring Him
that he might accompany Him.
Mark 5:18



And He did not let him, but He said to him, “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you.” Mark 5:19

* The people from our past need us to Testify about the mercy found in Jesus

* Our Jesus-changed life can work to repair broken relationships from our past



Mark 5:19

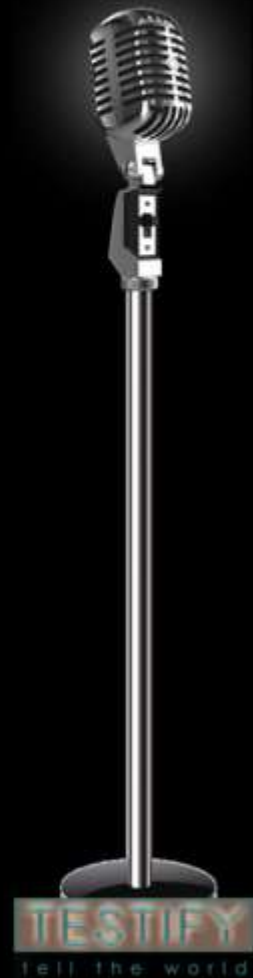
GO and REPORT what?

Go ὑπάγω *hupago*

Report ἀπαγγέλλω *apaggello*

1. what great things the Lord has done for you
2. how He had mercy on you

- Enhanced Strong's Lexicon



Who can Testify?

Those who have been touched by Jesus

Those who have a story

Those in our congregation who have a story



Week 2

Chad and Jenn Fink video



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them what great things the Lord has done
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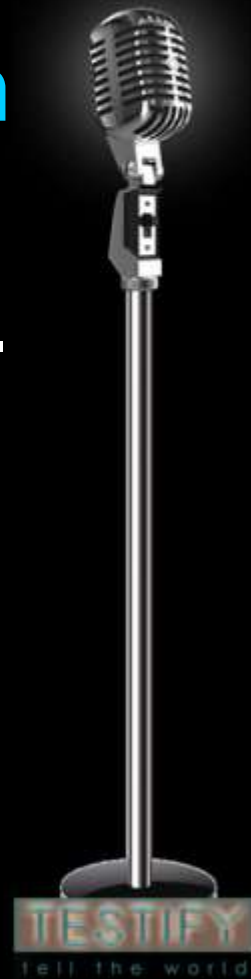
Mark 5:19



And he went away and began to **proclaim** in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

Mark 5:20

Have you ever proclaimed / testified what great things Jesus has done for you?



Your homework this week...

“GO and REPORT”

1. what great things the Lord has done for you
2. how He had mercy on you

