

Personal Testimony - Part 3

by Milton Green

Milton Green shares his powerful testimony of transformation through God's grace and the importance of community in faith.

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Scripture: Psalm 40:2, Colossians 1:13-16, Hebrews 4:15, 1 Peter 1:3, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 Peter 2:24, 1 Peter 3:15

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Description

This sermon shares a powerful testimony of transformation and redemption, highlighting the journey from a place of deep despair and self-condemnation to experiencing God's grace and becoming a new creation in Christ. It emphasizes the profound impact of surrendering to God, receiving His mercy and grace, and being transformed by His love. The speaker's testimony reflects a life changed by faith, humility, and a desire to serve others, ultimately finding purpose and joy in sharing the message of God's grace and redemption.

Transcript

And I say, this is the night I go to hell, and you know as I face that situation right there, each one of you will face that situation sometime. And I looked at that, I couldn't go to sleep, and I would fight sleep because I had life. You can't know, I couldn't tell you, I'm gonna tell you, God can't save you, he'll not forgive you.

See, I couldn't even forgive myself because I knew I was the rottenest person that ever lived. I knew me better than anyone. I couldn't forgive myself.

I know you, you know the devil, he probed me to be that 220 pounds of romping, stopping hell, the steel rigger, see. This, God resists the proud and he gives grace to the humble, and I got extremely humble because I crawled around on my hands and knees with saliva running off of my chin. There isn't any tough folks.

Nowhere. Nowhere. And I guess I was getting low enough to where I could listen because I've been probing all my life not to cry.

And I laid in that bed one night, and tears began rolling down my face, and I asked God for mercy and grace. I understand that now, I guess he just had to give me the words to just ask for mercy and grace, because no one could help me outside of God, and I knew it. I asked for mercy and grace.

And as if, I want to tell you that God saved my life that night. I want to tell you when I woke up the next morning and got out of that bed, I was a brand-new creation. I want to tell you that for sure.

And the reason I knew it came from him, because I wanted everybody else to have it, is as if he said, zero, lilt. And day and night, I had to find a church, and I, that's, and immediately, I was in the body of Christ, the body of Jesus, and I had to find me a church to go to. And what little I knew, of course, I knew around, started to look for people to kind of find out what Jesus, the thing about that is that faith is kind of like going to a big dinner.

If you pick up the wrong fork, you've had it. And that's what I was kind of watching, to see which fork to pick up, see. But there's one thing I knew.

I couldn't walk around the block. I mean, I was a dying man. I couldn't walk around the block.

I couldn't stand up to take a shower. But I knew that I wanted to please Jesus. I wanted to please God with everything in my heart, to realize that they, that this world had been here for 43 years.

I've lived the life I lived, and that there was a world here that I could step over, just by acknowledging it, and receive the grace of it, and everything was, I'd blow my mind. I can't handle it now. I want to tell you, you listen to a testimony of grace.

I'm talking about Jesus. I found something I could do in that church. They had a bus mess.

Never heard anything like that. I got out on that bus. I started working that bus many, many a time, folks.

I'm not, I'm not, I'm just telling you, I'm telling you, he put something in your heart, and I'll tell you when, when he puts something in your heart, the carton don't matter too much, you know it. And I stood out there, and I helped those little kids on those buses, and everything. I stood outside that bus, and I said, this is where I'd die, right here.

I wanted to die right here, on that. It was a hot summer, and you know, I'd stand out there, and I barely even breathe, and these pains, and everything's in my chest, but I, you know, I determined in my heart, this is what I'd die doing. I forget, I couldn't even carry on a conversation, the brain cells, and everything in my mind, the alcohol, the breathing on the large lung machine, the drugs, and everything.

I mean, it was kind of pitiful, if you'd kind of been around me. You knew I loved Jesus, but couldn't talk. I couldn't express myself.

I couldn't do it. I couldn't do it all my life. I, I used to be under such inferiority, that inferiority, when I'd get around people, if you would just take hot syrup, and just pour it over my head, right down into my shoes, right there, and every time it happened, I always, if I could, some way, I could die right now, to receive it, the torment.

I didn't know. See, the world had powers of darkness, programmed me in the world to hang in there with that. You, you just live with that.

I don't have inferiority anymore. In Jesus' name. I just loved the witness.

I did, day and night. My, my wife, boy, she just, she just, boy, I tell you what, she just loved me. She'd wake me to come in at night, and boy, I, I tell you what, I tell you what, I wanted to find these winos and

these old drunks like I was.

Boy, I'd send these whosoever wills. Boy, and I'll tell you what, I didn't, I didn't know how to explain it, but boy, I was learning. I'm telling you what, I'd get around them, and God'd do something.

He'd slosh on them. He'd change their lives, and the only time, the only time that I could witness. Love you, brother.

Bless you, Father. Amen. I've got to go.

Okay. God bless you. Isn't that sweet? Bless him, Lord.

He got sloshed on. I tell you, Jesus is good. I just love to witness.

It's the only time I can talk. The only time I can ever get on the conversation. I just love to just hear myself.

Boy, I wish there was somebody here to listen to this. See, I do it. I do it as him.

And you know, just multiplied and multiplied. Then began the light in my life, because this is where I've been coming to, to tell you, that God gave me a part. And you know the most interesting thing in this walk with the Lord, and in his grace, folks.

I tell you what, I'm just consumed in grace. Sometimes just a little ripple of grace comes by me, and understanding, and it almost consumes me. It just does me.

I'm done in, in Jesus' name. I'm just totally done in. Just done in.

I want you to know I come up here expecting to stand in it. I'm in it, folks. I'm in grace.

Boy, this is where we've been. We're all in grace. I'm in grace.

Get in on it. I don't have one thing to boast about, obviously. There's no way you can build an image with that kind of a testimony, is there? Well, I boast in him, folks.

And you know what he's in? There come a time, boy, I'd like to share some other things. There came a time that you know, God, a person that couldn't talk. You know, I used to go to lay revivals.

I'd go to churches all over this country to get to go out with other people and go witness it. They wouldn't call on me to give my testimony. You know why? I couldn't talk.

I couldn't talk. Boy, I sure could love people in Jesus' name. And then one day, the Lord spoke to me, and he said, I want you to teach this.

He just, you know, I, I said, Lord, I'm not eloquent in speech. I'm slow of tongue and of mouth. And you know, say, he's trying to talk to you to get your attention.

He said, I'll tell you what you are. You are a new creation. Old things have passed away.

All things are new. Zero, be a teacher. The miracle of all miracles.

I'll give you a pint. I use donkeys. You know, last week I told my wife, I said, Joyce, I'm convinced of anything there was in my life, that God could have that German shepherd laying right there to teach a

seminar.

And I got to thinking about Sam standing up there teaching a seminar, and I got so tickled. She got tickled, too. And the interesting thing, it got more funny when I saw me standing up there teaching, when you're not trying to help him.

That's what I like when I'm down there on the corner before I start being something. I'm down there cleaning carpet, or I can just shut it off and go somewhere. I'm telling you what, folks, we sure do need each other.

It just creeps up on you and sneaks up on you. Boy, I want you to know I love you. I just thought I'd throw that in.

And God in his grace right there spoke to me, and he said, you're no longer what you've ever been. It's history. That's darkness.

You have now moved out of the natural realm, and you're now in the spiritual realm of my grace right now. You are a new creation. And he told me that when this word right here is what I was, I'm none of these things.

I'm not living back there. You know that when I give a testimony, it takes me for days that I have to go back and recall these things before I stand up and give a testimony. You can't know how difficult it is for me.

That's talking about somebody else. You can't know. Because I'm going to tell you what the Lord showed me.

He said, Milt, your testimony is in here. That's what you're, you're what I say you are. And he said, your testimony begins in Psalm 40.

And it's all over this Bible. I keep finding my testimony. Can I tell you what my testimony is? Let me tell you what God said my testimony is.

He lifted me up out of the pit of destruction. Out of the miry clay. He put my feet upon the rock, making my footsteps firm.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to my God. Many are seeing fear and trust in the Lord, and blessed is the man whose trust is the Lord and has not turned to the proud or lapsed in the falsehood. Many, O Lord, my God, are the wonders that thou hast done, and thy folks are toward me.

God does none to compare to thee. My ears are as open up. And then I said, behold, Lord, I come to thee in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

I delight to do thy will, O my God. Thy law is written within my heart. Because I've been born again into a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance that's incorruptible, undefiled, faith is not a way reserved in heaven for me.

I'm kept by the power of God's true faith and true salvation ready to be revealed in a lifetime. Although I've never seen you, I love you. And although I don't see you right now, I believe you and I trust you.

And I rejoice with a joy unspeakable, full of glory, receiving in my faith even a salvation of my soul. Because I've been redeemed. I've been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, who has out blemished without spot.

I've been born again, not a corruptible seed, but incorruptible seed by the word of God that liveth and abideth forever. Jesus Christ is my cornerstone. He's a living stone.

He's rejected a man that's chosen a God and precious, and I'm a lively stone. I'm a lively stone that makes up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifice acceptable to God in Jesus Christ. Glory Halloween.

I'm a chosen generation, a chosen person. I'm a royal priesthood, a holy priesthood, a peculiar person to show forth praises unto him who's delivered me out of the darkness. He delivered me out of the darkness.

He has delivered me out of the darkness into the kingdom of his beloved Son in whom I have redemption for forgiveness of all, all, all those sins. And he took all my sins in his own body on the tree that I being dead to sin might live in the righteousness by whose stripes I was healed in Jesus' name. Now who's going to harm him who follows after that which is good? Who's going to get him? I'm sanctified by the Lord God in my heart, and I'm ready to give an answer to every man that asks me would meet this in fear.

Casting all my cares on him because he cares for me. Jesus Christ is exact image of the invisible God. He's the firstborn of all creation, and in and through Jesus Christ, all things are created in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, whether throne, dominion.

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