

“Do you have a testimony?”



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house.

At the coffeehouse each month, for nearly 13 years, Founder & Director Drew Crandall listens to the music and the message of the guest performer(s) and shares a spontaneous Gospel message based on the content. On June 6, 2008 comedian Tom Brennan shared his divinely inspired Christian version of the song “Mony Mony” by Tommy James entitled “TestiMony.” Drew shared the evening’s Gospel message based on the testimony of the apostle Paul.

“Proverbs 15:13 says, *‘A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.’* Verse 15 says, *‘All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.’* We’ve had a great night of laughter. Isn’t it refreshing to enjoy comedy that’s free of swearing and risqué messages? In one of Tom’s songs, he sang about giving our testimony.

‘Testimony’ means *a witness borne in behalf of something*. One of the most powerful testimonies in the Bible is Saul of Tarsus, who is represented in this jumbo-sized chalk art on the wall, drawn by Ben Glenn live during JesusFest several years ago. This art shows Saul on the Road to Damascus, seeing the Light and being transformed into the apostle Paul. In Acts 20:20-21, Paul writes, *‘And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, **testifying** both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.’*

In the mail this week, a Jacob’s Well postcard bounced back undeliverable saying the person to whom it was addressed was deceased. The sticker on the postcard said, ‘Unable to Forward.’ I wonder tonight if the woman who died had a personal testimony of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ. I don’t know, but I certainly hope so.

If you have a testimony tonight, of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ—if there was a definite time and place in your life when you called upon the Lord to save your soul and give you the gift of eternal life in heaven—can you please raise your hand? Thank you.

Friend, if you didn’t raise your hand, if you have no clear testimony of repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ, this invitation is for you. There’s nothing magical about the words of the prayer—it’s the faith that’s expressed through the prayer that saves you. *For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God not of works lest any man should boast.* Please pray this prayer with me:

‘Dear Lord, I confess that I’m dysfunctional and imperfect. I am a sinner. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins, that you were buried, and three days later you rose again. Jesus, I call out to you to be merciful to me a sinner. I repent from my sin and place my faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Amen.’