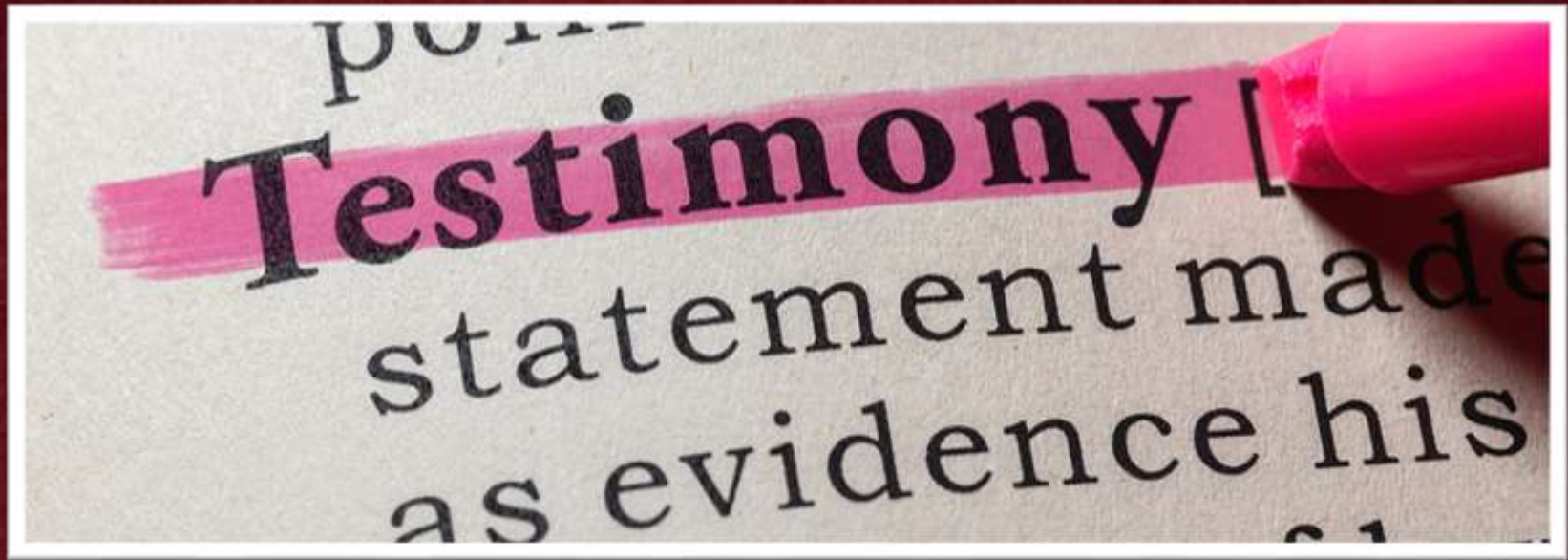


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## VISION STATEMENT

**We will mature & grow as disciples by building a loving, nurturing and unified family environment, valuing diversity and inspiring transformation through trusting in God, sharing our faith and serving the community with the expectation of God's Harvest.**



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# What May Be Tea for You Is Testimony for Me

A New Series Presented by Greg Jasper - Part 2



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# WHAT MAY BE TEA FOR YOU IS TESTIMONY FOR ME

Saul / Paul would be one folks could spill tea on Acts 7 & 8 – Saul was present at the stoning of Stephen and was for it

Acts 22:20 – He says “I approved of Stephen’s death because that’s who I was at the time”

\* There’s no need for us to run from or try to deny our past because someone will always have the evidence / tea in regard to our past...OUR PAST

Acts 9:1-2 – Saul was in the very process of sinful behavior and actions

Acts 9:3-6 – He came into contact with the Lord and his life was forever changed



# WHAT MAY BE TEA FOR YOU IS TESTIMONY FOR ME

Gideon was afraid but ended up with a testimony

Judges 6:14-15 – The call to deliver the people is given but Gideon is afraid

Judges 6:20-22 – God gives Gideon a strong sign of His presence

Judges 6:36-40 – Gideon asks God for more proof using a wool fleece because he is still afraid - twice...God encourages him and still uses him

\* This passage seems like an indicator that it's ok to let God know we need help with our faith and that it's not a sin...we are works in progress

# WHAT MAY BE TEA FOR YOU IS TESTIMONY FOR ME

**There was clearly some dysfunction in both of these men which leads to some tea available to spill**

**In our own dysfunction we pour tea on ourselves.  
What does that mean?**

**We have negative self-talk, we put ourselves down for both our past and present sins and give ourselves a sentence of self condemnation**

**Yes, God wants us to acknowledge our problem areas and shortcomings but He also wants us to bring them to Him so that He can change us and give us a testimony (Tea to Testimony)**

# WHAT MAY BE TEA FOR YOU IS TESTIMONY FOR ME

**Our past may indeed be very messy but God can unscramble eggs**

**Heb 4:16 – “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need”**

**We need to seek God’s grace so He can forgive ALL the wrong in our past – clean up the tea**

**The Lord can look at all of mankind, every man, woman and child and despite their past clean things up so that Salvation can be theirs**



# WHAT MAY BE TEA FOR YOU IS TESTIMONY FOR ME

Luke 15:20-24 – Some of the egg scrambling we do or sin we commit happens after we have become a part of God's family...

\* The son was already part of the family, he represents us being in the family, in God's good grace and then falling away

\* If we fall away that too becomes an opportunity for people to spill tea on us

\* But God can fix these shortcomings as well

\* And when we come back home it creates another opportunity of testimony for us



# WHAT MAY BE TRUE FOR YOU IS TESTIMONY FOR ME

## A Quick Trip through Hebrews 11

**V8 – We find Abraham who lied, not once but twice in Gen 12 and Gen 20 about Sarah being his wife out of fear – but God still used him**

**V11 – We find Sarah, but in Gen 18 when she heard that she would have a child laughed because of her and Abraham's age – but God still used her**

**V23 – We find Moses, but in Exd 2 he murdered an Egyptian – but God still used him**

**EVERYONE HAS  
A TESTIMONY**

# WHAT MAY BE TEA FOR YOU IS TESTIMONY FOR ME

## A Quick Trip through Hebrews 11

**V31 – We find Rahab, who was a woman of the night to keep it PG13, but God still used her and brought salvation to her family**

**V32 – We find Sampson, but if we go back and read of his life in Judges 13-16 we can certainly say he had some problems when it came to women, but God still used him**

**What are you saying?**

**All of these people had plenty of tea that could be spilled on them but God used them and He can use you too**



WHAT MAY BE TEA FOR YOU IS TESTIMONY FOR ME

Sometimes the circumstances of life can shape our early sinful lives creating the tea for folks to spill

If Poppa was a rolling stone and wherever he laid his hat was his home, there's a pretty good chance his son also became a rolling stone

If Momma was off the chain, getting drunk and involved in wild parties all of her life, chances are her daughter followed in her footsteps

If your friend group as a child was involved in theft, drugs and abusing people that may have rubbed off on you and you too became an abusive sinful person for a time

WHAT MAY BE TEA FOR YOU IS TESTIMONY FOR ME





# **GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION**

**HEAR – Romans 10:17 & 1 Cor 15:1-4**

**BELIEVE – Hebrews 11:6**

**REPENT – Luke 13:3**

**CONFESS – Romans 10:9-10**

**BE BAPTIZED – Acts 2:38 & 1 Peter 3:21**

**LIVE FAITHFULLY UNTIL DEATH**

**Matt 25:21 & Rev 2:10**