

**Living Water Part 44**  
**Acts 21:37-22:21**

**The Title Of The Message: “Testimony Not Bragimony”**

**The Key Word: Witness**

**The Thought: If we are to glorify God we must give honest testimonies, sharing our past without glorifying it.**

**The Breakdown:**

**Chapters 21:37-22:5 The Past...**

**Verses 6-16 The Transformation...**

**Verses 17-21 The Changed Heart...**

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**Acts 21:37-39**

**Then as Paul was about to be led...**

**Colossians 4:6 (NKJV) Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.**

**I implore you, permit me to speak to the people...**

**Leviticus 6:9,12-13**

**Hebrews 2-10**

**Romans 12:1 (NKJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.**

**Acts 21:40-22:3**

**So when he had given him permission...**

**Hear my defense...**

**“Defense” = “Apologia” = the idea of giving a verbal defense or more accurately to give an answer**

**1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV) But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;**

**And when they heard...**

**Philippians 3:13–14 (NKJV) 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

**He spoke to them...**

**First: Language**

**Colossians 4:6 (NKJV) Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.**

**Second: Ethnic and religious background**

**Third: Education**

**“Rabban”**

**Three types of teachers...**

**“Rab” = “the common or lowest title of teacher”**

**Rabban” = “our teacher”**

**“Rabbi” = “my teacher” “higher and then Rabban”**

**2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

**Fourth: His passion for God**

**Romans 10:1–5**

**Acts 4:13 (NKJV) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.**

**Acts 22:4-5**

**I persecuted this Way...**

**1 Corinthians 13:1–3**

**Matthew 7:22–23 (NKJV) 22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’**

**Verses 6-16 The Transformation...**

**Acts 22:6-7**

**Now it happened...**

**Philippians 2:3 (NKJV) Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.**

**'Who are You, Lord?...**

**Acts 22:9**

**And those who were with me...**

**Acts 22:10-11**

**What shall I do, Lord?...**

**Acts 22:12-16**

**Then a certain Ananias...**

**Then he said...**

**Ephesians 4:20–32**

**Verses 17-21 The Changed Heart...**

**Acts 22:17-18**

**Now it happened...**

**Acts 22:19-21**

**So I said, 'Lord...**

## **Application:**

- 1. Jesus meets us in the place that we are at, points out our sin and then offers salvation, its then that we can accept or reject it.**
- 2. Sharing our testimony is about glorifying Jesus not my sinful past.**
- 3. Once we are saved we should have a passion to see others saved by sharing our testimony.**