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Sharing a Testimony

1 John 5:6-13

If we base what we believe on the _____ of _____ we can be _____ we are _____!

How do you base your faith on God's testimony?

1. _____ to God's testimony
 - a. The water = Jesus' _____ *Matthew 3:13-17*
 - b. The blood = Jesus' _____ *Matthew 27:45 and 51-54*
 - c. The Spirit = Jesus' _____ *John 16:12-14*
2. _____ God's testimony
3. _____ God's _____ of _____

Digging Deeper Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever struggled with assurance of your salvation?
 - Do you have assurance now?
 - What has caused you to doubt and what has helped you gain confidence?
2. Read 1 John 3:24, 4:13 and 5:6. How have you experienced the Spirit's assurance of your faith?
3. 1 John 5:9 says, "If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater".
 - Explain in your own words the contrast that John is making.
 - In what ways is the testimony of God "greater"?

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Samantha, Carissa, Jordan, Emmaliese, Myles,
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Thank you for your prayers. These are unique times but we are so thankful for the technology that allows us to communicate and still “have church” even though we cannot get together.

South Africa has stricter “lockdown” policies in order (cannot leave home except for food/ medicine and only one person in the car). Lakeside Baptist Church is doing well though! They have put in place zoom calls for Bible studies and Facebook live for their “church service.” They keep a “church chat” so everyone is kept in the loop with prayer requests, needs, and other pertinent information—even just encouragement. It’s been encouraging to see them take initiative and press on. It is definitely harder for those who have lost their jobs!

Please keep them in your prayers! They stepped out in faith and are pursuing their next phase in the building plan of getting a proper auditorium in their church. (They have maxed out their largest room.) Please pray that the foundation will be able to be laid once this lockdown is lifted. Before all of this, there were many coming faithfully and much spiritual growth., Please pray that the people stay faithful to God’s Word during these times and not be discouraged. Also, that the church would continue to strengthen. What a blessing to be a part of this ministry and to see all that God has done to “build His church.”

We returned to the states right before lockdown. What a blessing to be with our older children during this time as our eldest Samantha had to return home from college and has had to continue schooling with zoom. Our daughter Carissa lost her job (but is doing online college courses), and Jordan, our eldest son who is in his senior year—had many changes. So thankful that they are learning much about God through this—realizing we can only trust in Him! Thanks again for your prayers and support of our ministry!

Sincerely,

Lee and Janelle Peterson

