An ornate, golden door with intricate carvings and reliefs. The door is set within a decorative frame and features several panels with biblical scenes, including a man on a horse and a group of people in a building. The overall appearance is that of a grand, historical entrance.

**I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation
to everyone who believes
Romans 1:16**

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Testimonies

Two Types:

**The Beginning
Of our Walk with the Lord**

This Week

Our walk with the Lord

Look into Old Testament examples

Look into New Testament examples





What is A Testimony?

*that which we have seen and heard we declare to you,
that you also may have fellowship with us;
and truly our fellowship is with the Father
and with His Son Jesus Christ.*

1 John 1:3



The Testimony

What we speak

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

1 Peter 3:15



The Testimony

How we speak

*Let your speech always be with grace,
seasoned with salt,
that you may know how you ought
to answer each one.*

Colossians 4:6

A Testimony From Paul

Acts 26

Testimonies from
The New Testament



Paul

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Paul

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Introduction of self

Acts 26: 1-11

"I think myself happy"

He was positive.

"You are expert"

He was complimentary.

"You to hear me patiently"

He was humble.

A Testimony from
The New Testament



Before he met Jesus

Acts 26: 1-11

He told his life story.

*"My ... life ... was spent ... at
Jerusalem."* vs. 4

"I lived a Pharisee." vs. 5

Before He met Jesus

Acts 26: 1-11

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"I thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth" vs. 9

"Many of the saints I shut up in prison...when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them." vs. 10

I punished them often in every synagogue...compelled them to blaspheme...I persecuted them even to foreign cities." vs. 11



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How He met Jesus

Acts 26: 12-18



"as I journeyed to Damascus ... at midday ... along the road." “ Vs. 12

"I saw a light from heaven." Vs. 13

"I heard a voice ... saying in Hebrew ...Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" Vs. 14

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How He met Jesus

Acts 26: 12-18

"Who are you Lord?' And He said, I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Vs. 15

"...to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me." Vs. 17-18

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Since met Jesus

Acts 26: 19-23



I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared ... that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance. Vs.19-20

Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great Vs. 22

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Since met Jesus

Acts 26: 19-23



*“...that the Christ would suffer,
that He would be the first to
rise from the dead, and would
proclaim light to the Jewish
people and to the Gentiles.”*

Vs.23

Framing our Testimonies



The Timeframes

1. Before met the Lord
2. How met the Lord
3. Since met the Lord

Framing our Testimonies



1. Before I met the Lord

What caused you to understand
your need for Jesus Christ?

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2. How I met the Lord

- Recognize rebellion against God
- Heard God would forgive because of Jesus
- Asked to be forgiven
- Asked God to direct my life

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2. How I met the Lord

must be careful not to leave the impression that Christ is a merely a temporal "problem solver" rather than a Savior to those who recognize that they are separated from God because of their sin and who want to be reconciled to Him.

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3. Since I met the Lord

Describe how your coming to Jesus has changed your life with one or two examples

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Areas to Consider

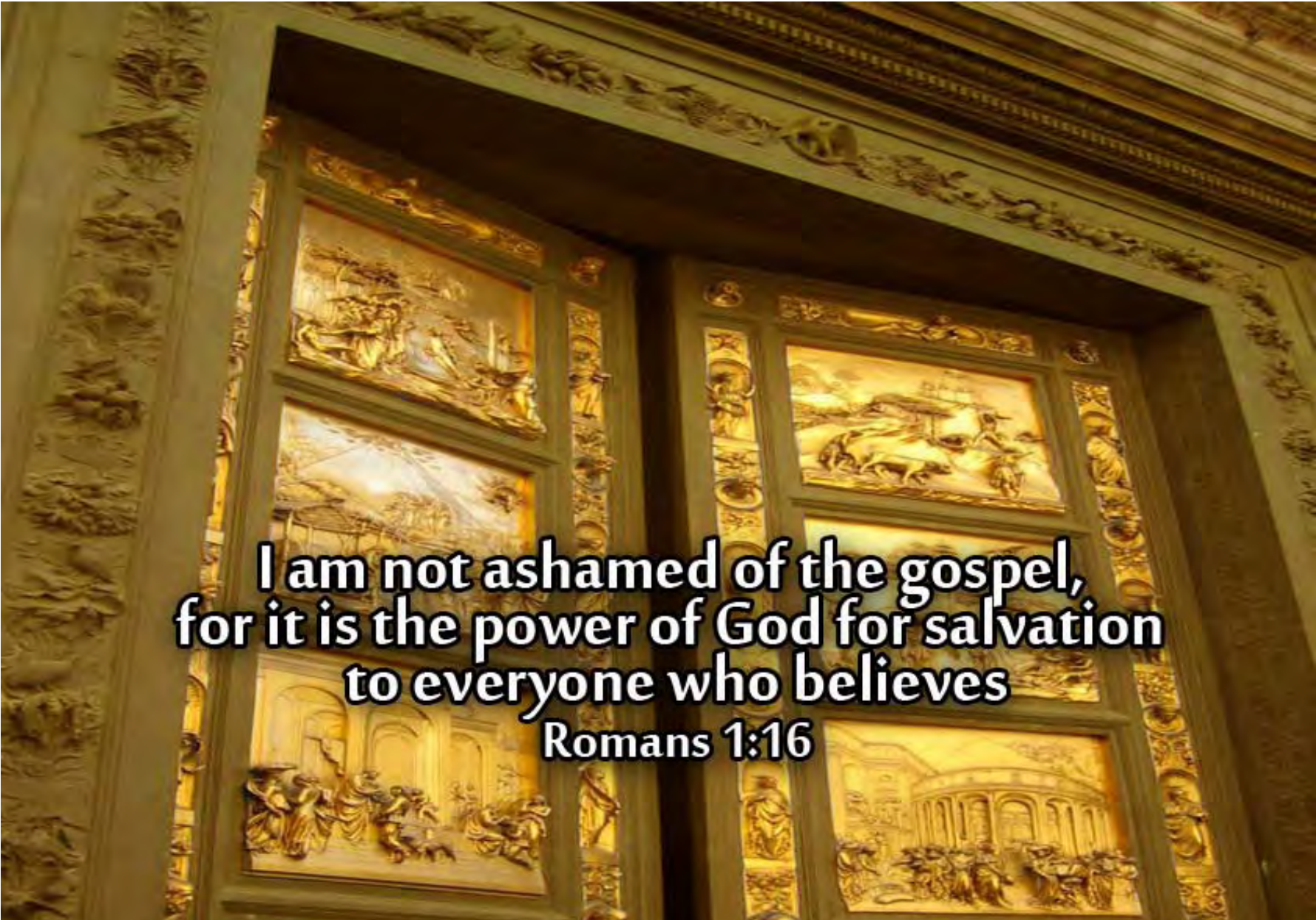
- Early childhood conversion
- Not remembering date

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