

The Lighthouse

- ✓ A lighthouse is an aid to navigation, warning of hazards, establishing their position, and guiding them to their destinations.

Romans 10:14 (NIV) How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

Testimony: a written or spoken record of what God has done.

Psalms 119:111 (NASB) I have inherited Your testimonies forever, For they are the joy of my heart.

- 1.) Our story demonstrates **God's heart for people.**
- 2.) Testimonies soften hardened hearts for the truth of **God's love.**
- 3.) Testimonies **expose** God's power to people, opening the door for **their own stories.**

Part 2 – The Lighthouse

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Revelation 19:10 (KJV) And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

- 4.) Our story links **generations** to God's promises and power.

Psalms 78:5-7 (ESV) He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, ⁶ that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, ⁷ so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;...

- 5.) As testimonies **fade**, so does **faith.**

Psalms 78:9-11 (ESV) The Ephraimites, armed with the bow, turned back on the day of battle. ¹⁰ They did not keep God's covenant, but refused to walk according to his law. ¹¹ They forgot his works and the wonders that he had shown them.

- 6.) Testimonies keep us **connected** to God and our **true sense of identity.**

- ✓ Who do you **know** who doesn't **know**?