

## Psalm 66:16, “Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.”



Sharing our faith is the best way to encourage others and ourselves. It is good for us to remember what God has done in our lives. It encourages us in our walk of faith when we hear about God’s moving power.

I find myself at the edge of my seat in excitement when I hear the testimonies of God’s miraculous Hand moving in the lives of others. It takes all my strength not to jump up for joy.

### REASONS FOR SHARING:

- 1) So others can KNOW that our GOD is real, not a figment of our imagination. Exodus 10:2, “And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son’s son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know that I am the LORD.”
- 2) So we plant a desire in others to grow in the LORD and serve Him. Exodus 18:8, “And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel’s sake, and all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the LORD delivered them.” Verse 9-11, “And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians. And Jethro said, Blessed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly he was above them.”
- 3) Then those we encourage will also be an encouragement to us. Exodus 18:14-24, Jethro provides good advice on dealing with the issue of overextending himself judging all the issues of the people.
- 4) When in times of doubt and hopelessness, remembering how God has moved in the past in the life of others can help us examine ourselves and increase our faith. Judges 6:13, “And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? And where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? But now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.” While

Gideon is reflecting on the miracles of the past, he wonders why God is not doing miracles now. Haven't we walked in these shoes? After self-examination and God's leading, Gideon recognizes their sin and destroys the idols. Then he witnesses a miracle as God leads in the defeat of the enemy, a witness much like those from the past. We too can witness those same miracles because we still have the same miracle working God!

- 5) Because God wants us to share. Psalm 96:3, "Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people." Job 15:17, "I will shew thee, hear me; and that which I have seen I will declare;" Psalm 9:1, "I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvelous works."
- 6) Because creation declares the works of God, we should sing in chorus. Psalm 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."
- 7) Because it creates in us a thankful heart. Psalm 40:5, "Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered."
- 8) Because it places a desire in the unsaved to possess what we have – our joy of salvation. Psalm 71:15, "My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof." Our days on earth are without number, so let's work as if today may be our last. Psalm 78:4, "We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done."

Psalm 22:22, "I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee."

Psalm 26:7, "That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works."

Psalm 48:13, "Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following."

I have two items that will be passed down to my daughter and I hope will be passed down to her children: my study Bible and a special notebook. In my study Bible, I have written down notes on verses compiled from intensive study as well as from sermons. I have written down the thoughts of my heart beside many: thoughts of thankfulness, thoughts of lessons learned. In my special notebook, I have written down the personal experiences I have witnessed in my life where God's hand moved mightily. I do not want to ever forget what God has done in my life. I also hope to encourage my daughter and my future grandchildren. I have no guarantee how long I may live in this life, but if they never meet their grandmother, great-grandmother or great-great-grandmother, etc. I pray these two items will survive and encourage them to serve the Lord with all their hearts. I want them to 'hear' my heart.

Psalm 78:6, "That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:"