

County-Wide Chaplaincy

Thanks you!

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STORY

I have been hearing and reading a lot about “story” lately, particularly in how it relates to our relationship with Jesus. We all have a story and I think that story is meant to be shared with others, especially as it relates to how the Lord has been present in our lives. Have you ever pondered how you can encourage others just by sharing your story? How did God show up for you or how did you lean into Him in a really difficult time, and you knew He was right there with you. We are His witnesses to so many incredible events, even in our own lives and that is our story to share!

There is a song titled, “I’ve Witnessed It” that talks about this. It talks about the things we have witnessed; His faithfulness, His love, His healing, His goodness, His strength . . . Then it talks about who we will witness these truths to; to the broken, to the hurting, to the lost, to our families, to our city, to the nations. We all have a story to tell!

As I think about this with regard to our chaplains, much of their story is seen through their actions, as on a call they are often doing a lot of listening and being present for the folks in distress. This is not really a time for sharing about themselves. In the next few months I am hoping to take the opportunity to share some of their stories with you. We will all get to know them better, see their heart and be encouraged by their story.

This month is simply an introduction to get you thinking about your story and how the Lord may be nudging you to share His presence through your story. We are His witnesses and we have opportunity to tell those around us what we have witnessed, particularly in our own lives!

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