Personal Witnessing Speech: What Can I Offer?

Sally feels she is in over her head. When her pastor recently asked her if she would speak before the congregation on her faith walk with Christ, she had immediately said yes without thinking what was involved. Now she is having second thoughts and has invited you to lunch to get your thoughts.

As she relates to you over lunch,

“I am not a public speaker and surely not a pastor. How can I say anything about my walk with Christ to all those in congregation that would provide meaning for them in their respective life situations? I have been thinking about this. What would help is some Biblical theme that I could use to relate my experiences doing the Lord’s work in a meaningful way.”

You are Sally’s friend and have agreed to help her through the development of her talk. You are a professional consultant in crafting speeches that are expected to reach the intended audience(s) for a range of clients in a variety of professions. You are aware that audiences respond best to talks that build on a well laid out theme.

You have known Sally for many years and have been impressed with not only her faith but, more importantly, her willingness to express that faith in multiple ways. This range of venues are often under the radar screen of even many who know Sally. While she is involved in mission outreach efforts in the church and Christian causes beyond the church, more impressive is Sally’s commitment to using everyday contacts as opportunities to witness.

Between bites, you ask, “I have always been curious. What motivates you to continue such a demanding and yet very private ministry? I know some of what you do. It has to be a huge burden.”

Sally responds, “Two bible verses have long been an important part of who I am. They are: Second Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come; and Ephesians 5:8 - you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light.”

A thought occurs to you, “Let’s work with this scriptural base for your talk. I like your link from being a new creation in Christ to being a light to others. What we need to do is search out scripture that completes this link. I could see this being the foundation in your talk - how God provides Christians many witnessing opportunities and how we should respond to those opportunities.”
ASSIGNMENT

Your Goal – Go to scripture to see how God has taken average individuals to step out of their comfort level to be a witness. You know that Sally has a message that will resonate – what she needs is the confidence that she can deliver. Go to Bible to read about witnesses. How have these individuals changed to meet their challenges in witnessing. Pick out 5 individuals in Bible:

- Summarize the setting and their personal characteristics, etc...
- How did God build them up to effectively provide the witness.
My Scriptural Research:

Group Scriptural Research:

Decisions / Recommendations:

Primary Scriptural References: