**How To Taste & See Goodness**

**The word Witness? What do you think of?**

**~~You witnessing to people~~**

**People witnessing you**

**Not to scare the hell out of poeple – invite others on a long walk that produces fruit (discipleship)**

Your witness is not the argument you put forward, but the faith action you live out.

**Psalm 34** I will bless the Lord, every chance I get; my lungs expand with His praise. 2 I live and breathe God; if things aren’t going well, hear this and be happy: 3 Join me in spreading the news; together let’s get the word out

6 when I was desperate, I called out, and God got me out of a tight spot. 7 God’s angel sets up a circle of protection around us while we pray. 8 open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see – how good God is. Blessed are you who run to Him. 9 Worship God if you want the best; worship opens doors to all His goodness.

**Jethro** sees Moses living and breathing God. He sees when things aren’t going well that Moses seeks God. Jethro witnesses the blessing of Israel and brings a whole offering to worship together with His son in law.

**Now I know: I have tasted**

**Ex 18:10-11** Jethro said, “Blessed be GOD who has delivered you from the power of Egypt and Pharaoh, who has delivered his people from the oppression of Egypt. Now I know that GOD is greater than all gods

* Taste is more than the label on the product – what story do you tell that fills out the detail?
* Manna (Ex 16) tasted like wafer and honey / Water tasted like wine (John 2) / A small meal turned out to be a banquet (Matt 14)

**Now I See: I have witnessed**

Moses told his father-in-law the story of all that GOD had done to Pharaoh and Egypt in helping Israel,

11  Jethro was delighted in all the good that GOD had done for Israel

* Moses/Jethro Fam of origin
* Sight is more than 2 dimensional
* Saying it is not the same as seeing it

**Now I hope: I have matured**

12  Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, brought a Whole-Burnt-Offering and sacrifices to God. And Aaron, along with all the elders of Israel, came and ate the meal with Moses’ father-in-law in the presence of God.

* Hope is more than blind faith
* Jethro saw Moses change and grow – Jethro grew in faith too – they shared in mutual worship.

**Matt Henry Commentary: Exodus 18:7**

Conversation concerning God’s wondrous works is good and edifies. Jethro not only rejoiced in the honour done to his son-in-law, but in all the goodness done to Israel. Standers-by were more affected with the favours God had showed to Israel, than many were who received them. Jethro gave the glory to Israel’s God. Whatever we have the joy of, God must have the praise. They joined in a sacrifice of thanksgiving. Mutual friendship is sanctified by joint worship.

**Be A Person of Peace** – a person worth knowing, seeing in action and following!

**The Peace Catalyst Manifesto [Romans 12:18]**

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1. We will pray for peace (2 Thessalonians 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:1-2).

2. We will make every effort to be at peace with all people (Romans 12:18; Ephesians 4:3; Hebrews 12:14).

3. We will take responsibility for our part in conflict. We will take the log out of our own eyes as Jesus taught (Matthew 7:3-5).

4. We will lovingly challenge or reprove those who sin (Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15; Galatians 6:1).

5. We will accept reproof (Proverbs 12:1, 15).

6. We will ask for forgiveness when we sin and when we are reproved (Luke 17:3-4).

7. We will forgive those who sin against us (Matthew 6:14-15; 18:35).

8. We will love our enemies (Matthew 5:44-45; Luke 6:27-36).