

Ebenezer Sermon Guide

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Read Isaiah 6:1-8.

The title of Pastor Cindy's sermon today is "Bear Witness." Reflecting upon her recent trip to Europe and World War II history, she lifted up the witness of two medics who used their gifts to care for both American and German wounded soldiers. Their bravery and their acts of compassion were a witness to the soldiers they helped and to the community of Angoville-au-Plain. Both medics survived the war and were awarded medals for their service. Throughout their lives telling their stories helped them to bear witness to the ways God used them to be a source of hope when war was raging all around them.

How have you been a witness bearer?

How can you be inspired by the medics' stories to bear witness?

Isaiah 6:8 reads *Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."* Consider to whom and to where God may be calling you to go.

Note specific words of encouragement from Paul to Timothy.

Paul comments on the legacy Timothy has received from his mother and grandmother. Who has provided a faith legacy for you? Share a special memory about that legacy.

It is our responsibility as Christ followers to keep the fire alive within us – to fan the flames – and to be a witness to those around us. We are to leave a legacy – to be a part of another's faith story. For whom are you leaving a legacy?

Paul encourages Timothy to be brave – to never be timid or ashamed of his faith. Tell about a time you have needed to be brave – when you may have been timid to talk about your faith in God.

