IT'S TIME TO TESTIFY.
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1 Peter 3:13-15-Passion
13 Why would anyone harm you if you're passionate and devoted to pleasing God?
14 But even if you happen to suffer for doing what is right, you will have the joyful experience of the blessing of God. And don't be intimidated or terrified by those who would terrify you.
15 But give reverent honor in your hearts to the Anointed One and treat him as the holy Master of your lives. **_And if anyone asks about the hope living within you, always be ready to explain your faith with gentleness and respect._**

1. Dealing with the Courage or Fear Issue.

Verse 14…And **_don't be intimidated_** or **_terrified by those who would terrify you._**

Colossians 4:4-AMP
4 …That I may **_proclaim it fully_** and make it clear [**_speak boldly and unfold that mystery], as is my duty._**

Passion – 4 …Pray that **_I would unfold and reveal fully this mystery_**, for that **_is my delightful assignment._**

2. Dealing With The "Being Prepared Issue.

Verse 15 - …_And if anyone asks about the hope living within you, always be ready…_

Colossians 4:6-Amp
6 Let your speech at all times be gracious (pleasant and winsome), seasoned [_as it were_] with salt, **_[so that you may never be at a loss] to know how you ought to answer anyone [who puts a question to you]._**

Passion – 6 Let every word you speak be drenched with grace and tempered with truth and clarity. **_For then you will be prepared_** to give a respectful answer to anyone who asks about your faith.

2Timothy 4:2-LB
…preach the Word of God urgently **at all times,** whenever you **get the chance**, in season and out, **when it is convenient and when it is not.**

3. Dealing With The Reason or Explanation Issue.

Verse 15b…_always be ready **to explain your faith** …_

4. Dealing With The Respect Issue.

Verse 15…_explain your faith with **gentleness and respect.**_

Colossians 4:6-ERV
6 When you talk, you should always be **_kind and wise_**. Then you will be able to answer everyone in the way you should.