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A Disciple Shares Their Faith With All People

The Discipleship Journey

Scripture Passages

8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.". (Acts 1:8 ESV)

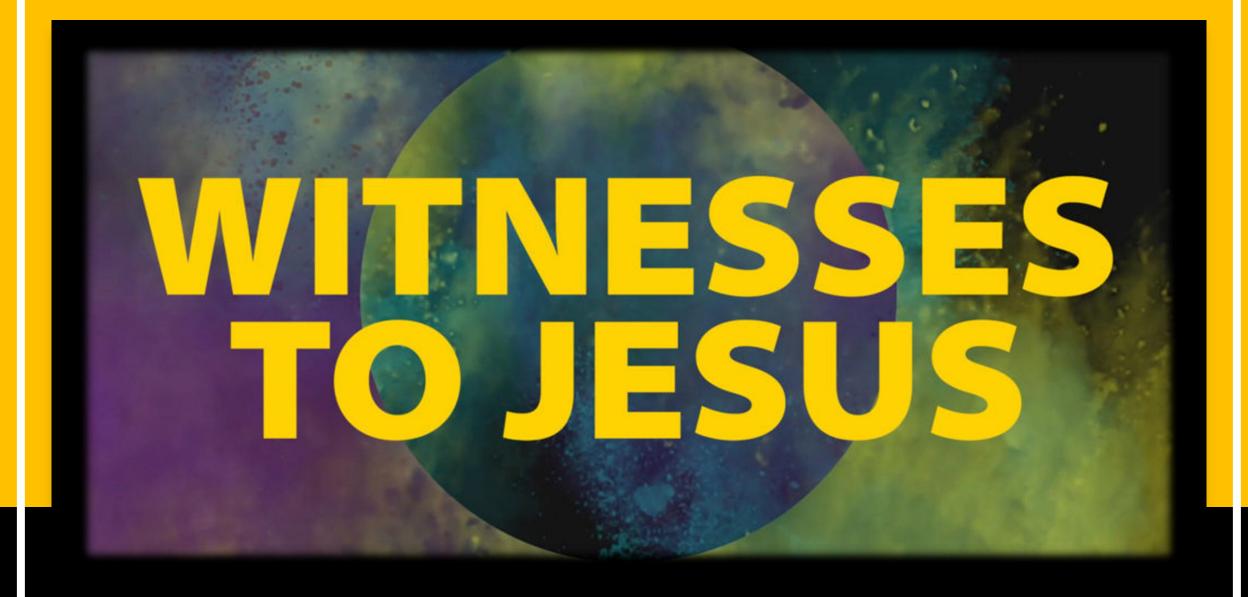
20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, (Ephesians 3:20 ESV)

Scripture Passages

18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:18-19 ESV)

The Point

A disciple of Jesus shares their faith with everyone through the power of the Holy Spirit, because Jesus promised it and the Gospel compels it.



Witness to Jesus

- Jesus didn't make witnessing optional He said every follower will be His witness through the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit gives us power to boldly share what Jesus has done in our lives.
- Spurgeon said, "A Christian is either a missionary or an imposter" - there's no biblical category for a silent disciple. ("get in the fight")

Witness to Jesus

- Being a witness is the natural result of following Jesus, not a special calling for a few.
- Jesus transforms us into fishers of men not by effort, but through drawing near to Him.



Sharing Jesus With Others

- The Gospel is the Good News that rescued us how could we not speak about it?
- We were dead in sin & Jesus made us alive through His death & resurrection. (Ephesians 2:1-5 ESV)

I And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience

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3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:1-5 ESV)

Sharing Jesus With Others

- If Jesus changed our life, we already have what we need to be a witness - our story is enough.
- We don't have to argue people into the Kingdom, just testify to what we've experienced.
- A witness simply tells what they've seen & heard we are not Jesus' defense attorney, just His witness.



Empowered By the Holy Spirit

- We already have the power if we belong to Jesus, His Spirit is within us.
- The same power that raised Jesus from the grave lives in us – we are not powerless.

11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (Romans 8:11 ESV)

Empowered By the Holy Spirit

- God can do more through our life than we could ever imagine - even in this season of life.
- The Holy Spirit leads you to the right people at the right time just be available.
- All He asks is your "yes" He will provide the opportunity, words & courage.

Practical Application

- Spend time daily in prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open opportunities to witness.
- Share your personal testimony simply: who you were before Jesus, how you met Him & your life since.
- Remember: God doesn't call the equipped He equips the called.
- Pray over phone calls, cards, or texts you send to loved ones, asking God to work through them.
- Offer to pray with someone who's struggling & share how God has helped you.

Discussion Questions

- What is one way Jesus has personally changed your life?
- Why do you think Jesus made witnessing a command & not a suggestion?
- How does knowing the Holy Spirit empowers you change the way you think about sharing your faith?
- What's one step you can take this week to share Jesus with someone?

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