

## **Your Voice in a Dark World**

In a world increasingly shrouded in darkness, believers hold something precious - the name of Jesus and the power to be witnesses. Every Christian has been given authority to speak life into death, to bring light into darkness, and to unlock eternal life for others through the gospel.

### **What Does It Mean to Be a Witness?**

Being a witness isn't just about having head knowledge about Jesus - it's about speaking from a place of relationship and experience. When you know Jesus personally, when He's real to you, that reality can be imparted to others. This is vastly different from religious people who share doctrine without relationship.

The primary purpose of receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is to become effective witnesses. As Jesus said in Acts 1:8, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

### **Why Don't People See the Truth?**

There are evil spirits called powers of darkness that blind the eyes of unbelievers, preventing them from seeing Jesus. Once your eyes are opened and the light breaks through, you wonder how everyone else can't see the obvious truth. But many people genuinely cannot see because spiritual blindness has overtaken them.

This is why your witness is so crucial. You have the ability to penetrate through that darkness and help others see the light of Christ.

### **The Urgency of Our Time**

We're living in a time when evil has reached enormous levels, coupled with technology that's exposing people to darkness at unprecedented rates. Things that were once considered perverse and wicked have become normalized and accepted as part of everyday life.

No society can sustain this level of wickedness and perversion before it implodes and collapses. Sin produces death, and without a move of God, we're heading toward the great tribulation described in Scripture.

### **What Happens When We Don't Share Our Faith?**

For everyone who doesn't do their part in sharing the gospel, there are people who will miss their opportunity to be saved. Consider this: someone took the time to share Jesus with you. What if they hadn't? What if they had been too afraid, too concerned about their reputation, or too worried about potential consequences?

Many Christians remain silent until after someone gets saved, then suddenly they want to discuss doctrine and theology. But it takes courage to speak up when you don't know what the outcome will be.

### **How Do We Overcome Fear in Witnessing?**

The early church faced severe persecution for preaching the gospel. When threatened with death for speaking the name of Jesus, they didn't pray for safety or a place to hide. Instead, they prayed for boldness to continue speaking God's word.

In Acts 4, after being threatened and beaten, the believers prayed: "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."

God's response? The place where they were assembled was shaken, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

## **What Makes Your Witness Different?**

When you speak the name of Jesus from a place of genuine relationship and faith, it's different from religious people sharing doctrine. You're not trying to earn salvation - you already have it. You're sharing from love, from experience, from a real relationship with the living God.

The name of Jesus is a strong tower - the righteous run into it and are safe. Speaking His name isn't dangerous; it's the safest place to be.

## **The Role of Prayer in Revival**

Throughout Scripture, we see that significant moves of God are preceded by prayer. The Day of Pentecost happened because the disciples were gathered in prayer. In Revelation 8, we see that the prayers of the saints ascend before God like incense, and then fire is thrown to the earth, causing thunderings, lightnings, and earthquakes.

Your prayers matter. They're being recorded in heaven, and they prepare the way for God to move. When believers cry out for boldness, for revival, for the lost to be saved, God responds with power.

## **The Harvest is Ready**

Jesus said the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. People are more ready to hear the truth than we realize. The problem isn't that people aren't ready - it's that there aren't enough laborers willing to go out with the sickle of God's word and reap the harvest.

Sometimes all it takes is speaking the name of Jesus. People are used to hearing His name as a curse word, but when spoken with reverence and power, it can break through years of darkness in an instant.

## **How Prayer Prepares the Way**

In Psalm 126, we read about those who "sow in tears" and "reap in joy." This speaks of intercession - crying out to God for the lost, praying with such compassion that it moves you to tears.

These tears aren't wasted. Psalm 56:8 says God puts our tears in His bottle, and Job 38:37 speaks of pouring out the bottles of heaven. When believers intercede with tears for the lost, those prayers are collected in heaven and eventually poured out as revival rain upon the earth.

## **The Power of Compassion**

True evangelism flows from compassion. If you don't feel compassion for the lost, ask God to give it to you. Pray: "Lord, give me compassion for others, especially the lost. Help me to care enough to cry out to You for them. Help me to care enough to share what You've done in my life with them."

God will answer this prayer because He has compassion for people. He sees their true condition and wants them saved. When you align your heart with His, you'll begin to see people as He sees them.

## **Life Application**

This week, ask God to make you bold in sharing your faith. Start by praying for specific people in your life who don't know Jesus. Ask God to give you compassion for them and opportunities to share the gospel. Remember, you have the authority to speak life into death situations through the name of Jesus.

Consider these questions:

- Who in my life needs to hear about Jesus, and what's stopping me from sharing with them?
- Am I praying regularly for the lost, or am I too focused on my own needs?
- How can I be more intentional about looking for opportunities to be a witness this week?
- What fears do I need to surrender to God so I can speak boldly about my faith?

The harvest is ready, and God is looking for laborers. Will you be one who says, "Send me"?

## Quotes

1. As long as there are people still breathing air on this earth, it's not too late. There is still time. People still have a chance.
2. There are evil spirits—the powers of darkness—and they blind the eyes of those who do not believe.
3. Once you see it—once the light comes on, once it breaks into your heart and soul—you can't understand how anyone else doesn't see it too.
4. If they don't know the Lord Jesus, they are lost. They are living in darkness. And if they die in that condition, they will spend eternity in a real hell.
5. When she said the name Jesus, I knew He was alive. I knew He was real. And I knew He was my answer.
6. God has given you the power to unlock eternal life for someone—to bring them out of darkness, out of Satan's prison, and into the light as a child of God.
7. When Jesus is real to you, you can impart the reality of Him to someone else.
8. You're speaking from a place of faith, and that makes all the difference.
9. It's not head knowledge—you're speaking out of a living relationship with Him.
10. God gave us the baptism of the Holy Spirit so we can be witnesses.

- 11.** With the level of corruption we're seeing, combined with modern technology, we don't have much time left.
- 12.** No society can sustain that current level of wickedness, darkness, and perversion without eventually imploding and collapsing.
- 13.** Being found speaking the name of Jesus is the safest place to be.
- 14.** People are ready to hear the truth—but there aren't enough workers out in the fields.
- 15.** Things don't just happen without prayer. Prayer prepares the way for the Lord. It prepares the way for a move of God.
- 16.** Your prayers matter. Your prayers are important. You must learn to lift your voice with confidence, knowing that when you speak, God hears you.

## **Verses**

1. Acts 1:8
2. Acts 4:23
3. Acts 4:24-31
4. John 4
5. Acts 2:1-3
6. Acts 1:14
7. Revelation 8:1-5
8. Exodus 19
9. Joel 2:1
10. Joel 2:2
11. Joel 2:10
12. Joel 2:12-16
13. Psalm 126:1-6

14. Psalm 56:8

15. Job 38:37

16. Isaiah 6

### Summary

Every believer has been given the authority to be a witness and speak life into darkness through the name of Jesus. The primary purpose of receiving the Holy Spirit is to become effective witnesses, yet many Christians remain silent due to fear. In our current time of increasing darkness and spiritual blindness, your witness is crucial for penetrating through the powers that blind unbelievers. The early church faced persecution but prayed for boldness rather than safety, and God responded by filling them with power. When you speak from genuine relationship with Jesus rather than mere religious doctrine, it carries different authority. Prayer prepares the way for revival, and God is looking for laborers willing to share the gospel with compassion and boldness.