

DAY 27:

GOD GIVES US COURAGE TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

When considering the need to share the gospel with friends, family and neighbors, the accompanying emotion encountered is often one of fear. On one hand, we sense the Holy Spirit encouraging us toward faithfulness in fulfilling our responsibility as gospel witnesses. On the other hand, our sinful flesh responds with the emotion of fear (fear of rejection, fear of not knowing what to say, etc.).

Fear of witnessing does not originate with God. It originates with our sinful flesh believing the lies of our enemy, Satan, who would like for us to remain silent. Satan will present a lie for our consideration that is meant to convince us why we cannot be an effective witness. Paul stated in today's text, "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment."

Lord, expose the lies of the enemy that fuel fear in my life. Help me live in the truth that I am empowered by Your Spirit. Give me courage to be a faithful witness and not "be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord" (v. 8). Give me courage to initiate gospel conversations today with people. In Jesus' name, amen.

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"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment. So don't be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, or of me his prisoner. Instead, share in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God."

2 Timothy 1:7-8