POWER: You Will Be My Witnesses Gloria Walters, Ph.D.

### Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

#### Acts 1: 4-5

4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. 5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

# Luke 24:47-49

47 It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' 48 You are witnesses of all these things. "49. And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

# Why did they have to wait?

John 16:7

"But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you."

-- The Holy Spirit would not be fully activated until Christ ascended to heaven.

# What are these "even greater works"?

John 14:12

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father."

--Could it be, that being witnesses for Christ is a part of the even greater works?

# Biblical examples of being a witness or witnessing for Christ:

- A) Andrew: Brother of Simon Peter (John 1: 35-42)
- B) The Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4:1-42)

# How do we become witnesses for Christ?

--SHOW THEM JESUS!

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