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FIND THE EDGE

Just Do It

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ACTS 1:8

While Jesus lived on earth, he laid the blueprint of how to witness. As his followers today, his power extends to us thanks to the Holy Spirit. We are not alone in sharing the Good News nor do we have to do it in our own strength. The Holy Spirit living in us equips and empowers us to do the great work of telling all we can of what Jesus has done.

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E – Engagement and Empowerment

“So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.”

JOHN 1:14

Jesus is *Logos*, the Word, who was at the beginning of time, through whom and by whom all things were made.

Jesus said that his disciples would do greater things than He did.

It is important to understand that the greater things Jesus spoke of had nothing to do with signs and wonders.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.”

John 14:16, 17

The word for “advocate” in Greek is “paraclete” which means companion, encourager, comforter, counselor, or enabler.

“But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me. And you also must testify about me because you have been with me from the beginning of my ministry.”

JOHN 15:26

The greater things we will be able to do has a direct link to the witness we bear and testimony we proclaim about Christ.

“Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.”

ACTS 1:4

“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 1:8

Our power as followers of Jesus Christ comes only from one source, and that source is the person of the Holy Spirit who equips, enables and empowers us to bear witness of the glory of Jesus Christ.

“Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’”

JOHN 7:38

As John bore witness to the glory of Christ in the Gospel, so we are commanded to be Christ’s witnesses, **telling all we can of what He has done**. We’re not doing this in our own strength. We are doing it through the power and might of the Holy Spirit at work within us.

The church in Jerusalem became a church on fire, empowered by the work of the Holy Spirit in their midst.

“All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”

ACTS 2:42-47

An empowered church is one where its people are devoted.

- To the teaching of God’s Word
- To fellowshiping with each other
- To communal prayer

How is your devotion?

An empowered church is one where its people are **generous**; willing to share God’s blessings with those in need and for the benefit of the body of Christ. An empowered church is one where its people **worship**.

Give praise to our King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and glorify him because he lives within our praises.



An empowered church is one where its people are **evangelistic**; passionate about reaching the lost and that passion results in God showing up, increasing the church in number and in impact where it serves. It is where the outpour of the Holy Spirit's power is real and explosive.

Empowered people, who live obediently by saying "yes" to God, express that obedience within the local church so the multiplying work of the Holy Spirit creates an explosion of outpour.

What would we look like if we were obedient to Christ's command to be his witnesses where we are planted, yielding ourselves fully to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives?

We should never become comfortable in our present success while ignoring the rest of the job to be done.

"A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went."
ACTS 8:1

God's plan will always be achieved because he is sovereign, and his plan and his ways are perfect.

Will we be obedient to His plan? Will we do what He asks of us willingly, or will we have to be provided a catalyst to make that happen?

"God, what do you want from me?"

Our obedience, and obedience means saying "yes" to God.

Empowerment begins when each of us individually, and then collectively as a church, move in obedience to God's call.

God never entertains our excuses, but he delights in our obedience.

We all have a next step. What's yours?

Just do it!

- Because Christ came to earth and we have seen His glory and experienced it in our lives.
- Because He has commanded us to go and make disciples, not to sit on the sidelines.
- Because he has provided us the greatest companion and source of strength – the Holy Spirit.





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