

The Power to Witness: Spiritual Power to Change the World

“...my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” ~1 Corinthians 2:4-5

1. The Spirit doesn't just fill you—He _____ you to reach others.

- **Acts 2:4,6,11 (ESV)** *And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues (languages) as the Spirit gave them utterance... And at this sound the **multitude came together**, and they were bewildered, because **each one was hearing** them speak in his own language...we hear them telling in our own tongues **the mighty works of God**.”*

2. Jesus' mandate and mission is our _____ and co-mission.

- **Luke 4:18 (ESV)** *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to...”*
(Jesus is quoting Isaiah 61, see below the fuller picture of what He is referring to)
 1. **Proclaim** good news to the poor.
 2. **Bind up** the brokenhearted.
 3. **Proclaim liberty** to the captives and an opening of the prison to those bound.
 4. Proclaim a year of Lord's favor, a day of vengeance.
 5. Beautiful headdress for ashes. (Heavenly perspective)
 6. Oil of Joy for mourning. (New identity)
 7. Garment of praise for heaviness. (Song of Thanksgiving)
 8. **THEY** will be called oaks of righteousness...**THEY** will build up ancient ruins...**THEY** shall repair ruined cities —Transformed lives change the world.

3. Holy Spirit empowers us as witnesses to _____ the good news.

- **Acts 4:29** *“... grant to your servants to continue to **speak your word with all boldness**...”*

4. Holy Spirit empowers us as witnesses to _____ the good news.

- **1 Thessalonians 1:5 (ESV)** *...because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction”*

5. Begin to become A.W.A.R.E. that the Father has good works planned for you to walk in.

- Ask Wait Allow Receive Engage
- **References** : Acts 1:4,8; 4:28; Luke 11:13;
- **Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)** *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

Discussion Questions

1. In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit empowering you to be a witness of Christ to others?
2. Jesus empowers us to be witnesses to **Jerusalem** (family, city, workplace) **Judea** (region, state, country) **Samaria** (people different than you culturally, disagree with) **ends of the earth** (different nations & cultures). **Which area(s) do you find yourself already engaged in being a witness to?**
3. Which one of the four areas above do you sense the Lord highlighting and inviting you to be a witness to?
4. In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit communicating with you as you step out to witness?
5. What are some of the hindrances that keep us from being a witness — boldly proclaiming and demonstrating the Gospel?

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