

This week, we are looking at the sermon Ps Louis shared on "Being an Effective witness".

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

There are 3 essential things we need to understand in order to be an effective witness.

1. To walk in a revelation of who God is

We can't be effective witnesses if we don't know Him. One of the ways to get to know God is through His word. It is very important for us as Christians to spend time in the word of God. By doing this we will not only get information but a revelation of who God is. It is time that we stop giving our own opinions on situations and circumstances. We find that not even Jesus gave His opinion but rather responded with "It is written". The good news is that God is not angry with us. He doesn't agree with everything we do, but we can know that when we run to Him, we run to a loving father, whose desire is never to punish us.

2. To walk in obedience to God

Salvation and blessing are found in grace, not in our works but in His goodness. When God sends us, He promises never to leave us. We obey because we want to please our Father and be effective in how we witness.

3. To walk in an authentic experience of God

We have to surrender our emotions to God. This way, we can fully express God's heart and emotions toward His people more accurately and effectively. Being an effective witness goes beyond what information we've learned about God, it is more about how we have experienced Him.

God is calling us into a deeper level of intimacy. Intimacy is not about what you do, but who you are with. The Holy Spirit is not a miracle, miracles are what He does. But God is calling us to be with Him.

Reflection:

- 1. Invest time in the Word and invite Holy Spirit to reveal Himself to you through His word.
- 2. What is God calling you to do in this season? What can you practically apply to your life to be obedient? God is saying that He is with you, so you don't have to be afraid to do what He calls you to do.