

Empowered Witness

Point people to Jesus with the Spirit's help

Overview

From the beginning of creation, God wanted humans to reflect His nature in the world. The Church has been given the responsibility to bear witness to Jesus and His Kingdom. As God's people, we are a holy nation and a kingdom of priests through which God blesses the world (**1 Pet 2:9-12**).

Jesus had a priority for those who were far from God. Speaking about himself, Jesus said, "[T]he Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (**Luke 19:1-10**). He repeatedly told parables that showed the Father's heart for the lost (**Luke 15**). We should have the same heart for the lost. The stakes are high. Those who are lost will experience life without God and an eternity in hell.

The lost must hear the gospel. But to hear it with open hearts, they must also see it. We are workers sent into the harvest, to reach the people in our sphere of influence (**Matthew 9:35-10:1**). We must have genuine, loving relationships with those we want to share the gospel with. As we invite people to share our lives, we can also begin to learn how to effectively speak into theirs with the truth of the gospel (**Acts 8:26-40**). We must take any chance we get to share the gospel boldly (**Acts 3**).

However, we are not asked to do this alone. Jesus promises to send his Holy Spirit, who empowers us to be witnesses to Jesus and what He has done. We cannot be effective witnesses for Jesus until we are filled with the Spirit (**Acts 1:1-11**).

Disciples of Jesus should be marked by the power of the Spirit in and through our lives. The Spirit empowers us to demonstrate the character of Jesus by being people of love and holiness. He also empowers us to demonstrate the supernatural work of God. We are called to cast out the demonic, heal people, and be prophetic by sharing messages from God to people (**Acts 16:11-34**). Our words, our lives, and our ministry should be led and empowered by the work of the Holy Spirit.

Empowered Witnesses live and love like Jesus by blessing others, boldly sharing the gospel, and demonstrating the naturally supernatural.

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 9:35-10:1
- Luke 15
- Luke 19:1-10
- Acts 1:1-11
- Acts 3
- Acts 8:26-40
- Acts 16:11-34
- 1 Peter 2:9-12

Essential Life Patterns

- Begin with prayer.
- Listen with care.
- Eat together.
- Serve with love.
- Share your story (personal testimony) and God's story (the gospel).
- Pray for the naturally supernatural (healing, provision, prophecy).

Resources

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