

Power to Witness (Acts 5:12-42)

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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.

Acts 2:4 (NIV) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

1 Corinthians 14:14 (NIV) For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.

1. _____ God for signs and wonders

Acts 5:12 (NIV) The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.

1A. _____ draw people to believe

Acts 5:14 (NIV) Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

1B. _____ the sick and deliver from demons

Acts 5:15-16 (NIV) As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.

2. Be a _____ for Jesus Christ

2A. _____ God rather than men

Acts 5:29 (NIV) Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"

2B. Share _____ in our risen Lord

Acts 5:30-31 (NIV) The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead--whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.

2C. Rely on the _____ witness

Acts 5:32 (NIV) We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

3. Don't let _____ stop you

Acts 5:40 (NIV) They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

3A. _____ when you are persecuted

Acts 5:41 (NIV) The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

3B. Continue sharing the _____ of Jesus

Acts 5:42 (NIV) Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Power to Witness (Acts 5:12-42) Study Guide

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Intro. How must we cooperate with God to fulfill Jesus' two-fold promise in Acts 1:8?

What was the initial physical evidence of the disciples being baptized in the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4)? What other examples do we see of this evidence in the book of Acts (Acts 8:18-19, 10:44-46, 19:6-7)?

What happens when a believer speaks in tongues (1 Corinthians 14:4, 14)?

How is the gift of tongues related to power to witness?

- 1A. How is Acts 5:12 an answer to the believer's prayer in Acts 4:29-30?
- 1B. What was the result of the demonstration of signs and wonders on the witness of the church (Acts 5:13-14)?
- 1C. How did the signs and wonders performed by the disciples parallel those that Jesus did (Acts 5:15-16, Matthew 4:23-24)?

- 1D. Why do you think that most healings in the Bible happen when the person praying and the sick person are physically near (Luke 6:17-19)? What implications does that have for us today?
- 2A. How would we apply the principle Peter gives in Acts 5:29 today?
- 2B. Why is sharing the resurrection of Jesus Christ an essential part of the Gospel witness (Acts 5:30-31)?
- 2C. How is the Holy Spirit a witness to Jesus (Act 5:32a)? Why is obedience a requirement for receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32b)?
- 2D. What is the relationship or pattern between signs and wonders and the witness of the Gospel in the book of Acts?
- 3A. What is persecution? What kind of suffering is not persecution? What is the spiritual reality behind all persecution (Acts 5:40)?
- 3B. What should our response to persecution be (Acts 5:41, Matthew 5:11-12)?
- 3C. What principle is important in the two types of locations in which the early church taught the good news of Jesus (Acts 5:42)?
- 3D. What excuses do you have to overcome in order to be a more powerful witness for Jesus?