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GOD'S PEOPLE ON MISSION



SERMON NOTES
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Our life is giving witness to the real king every day.

WHO IS YOUR PLUS ON E?



- attestation of a fact or event
- one that gives evidence
- one asked to be present at a transaction so as to be able to testify to its having taken place
- one who has personal knowledge of something
- something serving as evidence or proof
 - public affirmation by word or example of usually religious faith or conviction

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

ACTS 1:8 ESV



Jesus did not come into the world to make bad men good. He came into the world to make dead men live.

What were the witnesses in Acts saying?

- King Jesus was raised from death to life.
- King Jesus has raised me from death to life.
- King Jesus can raise you from death to life.

What is your life saying?

When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life." 19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to

ACTS 11:18-21 ESV

no one except Jews. 20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

ACTS 11:18-21 ESV

We are witnesses: to a <u>unified</u> worldwide movement for <u>all people</u>.

ACTS 1:8; ACTS 11:18-21 ESV



And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. 22 The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

ACTS 11:21-22 ESV

We are witnesses: to a <u>sovereign</u> God who is <u>with us</u> in every season.

ACTS 11:21-22; ACTS 5:40-42 ESV

and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. 42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

ACTS 5:40-42 ESV

And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. 22 The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. 23 When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain

ACTS 11:21-24 ESV faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, 24 for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

ACTS 11:21-24 ESV

We are witnesses: empowered by the Holy Spirit who guides and provides.

ACTS 11:21-24 ESV

for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. 25 So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, 26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

ACTS 11:24-26 ESV

We are witnesses: with lives of integrity and faithfulness that speak loudly.

ACTS 11:24-26; 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-11 ESV

Our life is giving witness to the real king every day.

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. 2 For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. 3 We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with

our ministry, 4 but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5 beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6 by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; 7 by truthful speech, and the power

of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8 through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor,

yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. 11 We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open.

Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). 29 So the disciples determined,

ACTS 11:27-30 ESV every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.

30 And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

ACTS 11:27-30 ESV

We are witnesses: that share and respond with all the ability that God gives.

ACTS 11:27-30; MARK 8:34-38 ESV

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his

MARK 8:34-38 ESV

soul? 37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

MARK 8:34-38 ESV

Are you 95% or 100% His?



There are very few who in their hearts do not believe in God, but what they will not do is give Him exclusive right of way. They are not ready to promise full allegiance to God alone.



NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

- Will you give King Jesus' the right of way in your life today?
- What needs to die today so that Jesus can bring new life?
- Will say, "yes" to becoming the witness God is calling each of us to be?



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