

7 – BEAUTIFUL POWERFUL

Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely

alexander the great (12.8mths)– Napoleon(reshaped Europe) – ??USE THEIR POWER

Q: All power comes from God, but not all power is used for GOD.

- What we need right now are **empowered** Christians

GOD'S POWER - Turns the feeble into the strong, the fearful into the courageous, makes the timid as bold as a lion. Transforms the weak into a WITNESS –

NO IDEA HOW HARD NOT TO BE ABLE TO GET ONE LAST FEW MNTHS - *camera*

- Witness is not just an affirmation or an agreement

Q: Easy to affirm among the affable but harder in the face of the adversary. Takes power

WITNESS: (websters) to testify or attest to a fact or an event.

Marturos (martyr) – TO have such strong conviction concerning certain facts that you are willing to live and even die for them. **IS THAT YOU?– so convinced**

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

IT WAS - DAY OF PENTECOST - 50 days after Passover

WEAK FEARFUL DISCIPLES – HUDDLING IN A HOUSE – HE KNEW - DUNAMIS

- His plan all along - **ADVANTAGE**- LONG AWAITED – SND RUSHING MW...

ACTS 2:1-4 wind and fire - Transformation –

dunamis remade powerless posse world changers,

NOT JUST TO GIVE A WITNESS BUT TO BE A WITNESS

ONE - Event **ONE** - Lifestyle

Witnessing is not just something you do it is something you are. **YOU ARE A WITNESS.**

Your life is a witness that tells a story God's love in your life through Christ.

WITNESS TO ME – Not an experience, organization, propositional T, raised/cul (**JESUS**)

- **CHRIST - living personal powerful relationship w/Him - 2INSEPERABLE**

SEP Earth from the sun – no heat, light, orbit, no center, no gravity – **NO LIFE**

How can you talk about your life w/o talking about Jesus? How could ppl describe.

- **SPIRIT SUPPLIES THT INFILLING and OVERFLOW**

- o Imagine rockies raging Lake Mead always full – water stops flowing/salty

YOU ASK FOR IT YOU DON'T WAIT FOR IT

For apostles a matter of time for us a matter of trust.

- For them empowering was to be waited 4 – 4 us the empowering be asked for.
 - o Empowering is always available – **ASK CONTINUALLY**

Luke 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Not just in a time but for all time.

- Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, Uttermost (ends of the earth) – **THEY BELIEVED**
 - o **SENDING** BC Something to offer the world

Andrew cruc Russia, Thomas pierced india, phillip in NA, james clubbed to death syria
You can try to live off of yesterday's empowering but that dying inertia will leave you
spiritually dead in the water.

Ephesians 5:18 Be filled with the Holy Spirit

POWER ADORNED WITH BEAUTY

God has adorned the Spirit empowered life with spiritual fruit and spiritual gifts.

Where is the beauty today – we live in a fallen world – and the ugliness of life daily
reckoned with – BUT GOD HAS GIVEN US **HIS BEAUTY FOR OUR ASHES**

What the world unknowingly thirsts for today is the beauty of the Christian witness that reveals the
gracious life giving power of God.

- NUC ENERGY FRUIT / GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT – **Produce**

God wraps the witness of the believer in the beauty of love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

○ Beauty that entices the unbeliever – YOU CAN'T GET IT ANYWHERE ELSE

○ **INSIDE LIFE TRANSFORMING POWER – RESURRECTS THE DEAD**

OUR LIVES DISPLAY THE GLORY OF GOD

To display God's glory means to live continually dependent on the dunamis power of HS
ASK!!!