25th Anniversary: Future

POWER FOR WITNESSING

Acts 1:8

Eph 1:19-23 → Acts 1:8

I. **How** do we get that power?
When the Holy Spirit comes upon you.

II. **When** does that happen?
A. What do I need to do?
   - Sufficient obedience? Submission? Longing?
B. None of the above: it depends on what **Jesus** has done
   - Acts 2:32-33
     1. Historical at Pentecost
     2. Personal at conversion

III. **What** is that power for?
“**You will receive power… and you will be My witnesses**”
A. Where:
   1. Jerusalem
   2. Judea & Samaria
   3. Ends of the earth
B. **How**:
   1. Individually
   2. Households
     - Eg neighborhood Bible studies
   3. Cells
   4. Congregation
     - Eg Upward basketball, weekend conferences

IV. **How** does this power work?
Notice that Acts 1:8 is **not** a command, but a statement of fact.
A. The ______ of the ____________: what we witness to
   - Luke 24:45-49
     Gospel motivation:
     - Compassion: past: forgiveness
       - present: power
       - future: hope
     - Command
B. The _____ of the ________ (2:3): our power for witness
   - The “law of our being”
   - Power against opposition
     - Egs: Acts 3-8 (pre-Paul)

V. So **WHY** does it seem so hard for us to witness?
A. Not _______ the Spirit: not Christians
   - Solution: Acts 2:38-9
B. Shaky on conviction of ____________ w/o Christ
   - Solution: Acts 4:12
C. ____________ the Spirit
   - Eph 4:30; solution: Eph 4:17-24
D. Lack ____________ for the Spirit’s power
   - Luke 11:13 → Acts 1:4-5, 8 → 14 → 2:4
   - But then 4:24-30. Result: v31!

So our 25th Anniversary Vision:…
Let us adapt ourselves again to the Great Commission