

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