WHAT MAKES YOU WITNESS? (Part 2)
Acts 1:8

I. Why we should witness

II. Why we don’t witness

III. Why we DO witness: the Holy Spirit

IV. How they DID witness

The unity of evangelism and missions in the Book of Acts

A. The outline of Acts 1:8

- Jerusalem
- Judea
- Samaria
- Ends of the earth: the Nations

Promise of Matthew 28:18-20 → Acts 1:4-5 → 8

Fulfillment: Acts 2:1-4

Pentecost: the first fruits of the wheat harvest of the Nations:
   Acts 2:5-12

B. The outworking of Acts 1:8

The power of the Spirit in the spiritual warfare of global conquest

Acts 2: Pentecost: supernatural global witness
   Bold declaration of Truth—point to Jesus

Acts 3: Supernatural witness of healing + bold gospel truth

Acts 4: Oppos 1: Persecution 1: Intimidate
   Power: courageous witness (4:19-20; 31)
Acts 5a: Oppos 2: Internal: Compromise with sin (A & S)
Power: uncompromising discipline & witness (5:11, 13-14)

Acts 5b: Oppos 3: Persecution 2: Remove leaders
Power: courageous witness (5:29-32)

Acts 6: Oppos 4: Complaints & division
Power: humble witness (6:3, 7)

Acts 7-8: Oppos 5: Persecution 3: Destroy
Power: courageous witness (6:12-7:2ff; 8:4)

Acts 9-28: Saul → Paul

V. How WE DO witness

“Acts 29++” : And on and on it goes down to the present day….

The pattern of widening progress and opposition to the ends of the earth. Unstoppable progress against the gates of hell. Because Jesus promised: Acts 1:8

Progress and opposition today
Our post-modern culture and the gospel
Think they know Christianity and don’t want it

The power of Acts 1:8 involves the courage to resist sin, intimidation, opposition, and proclaim the Jesus you love

So what
1. Where is the battle for intimidation in your life?
   Freely confess your weakness and claim the power of the Spirit

2. Where is the battle for compromise most crippling in your life?
   Freely confess your weakness and claim the power of the Spirit

3. What should you pray for our missionaries?
   This same twofold power of the Spirit to be evident in and thru them

4. Are you afraid God might call you to a wider field of service?
   Freely confess your fears and seek the Spirit to open your eyes to the joy of abandonment to Him