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EMPOWERED TO WITNESS

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Acts 4:13
Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.*

Uneducated and common. These cold adjectives are enough to stop the would-be evangelist in his or her tracks. How can we ever dare to share Christ with our sophisticated world if we are uneducated and common? The wonderful answer is that the power to witness is not dependent on our hu-

man learning or standing. We are not competent to witness because of our high social position or great academic knowledge. Power to witness effectively grows out of the time we spend with Jesus, and our resultant filling with the Holy Spirit.

As the antagonistic religious leaders questioned Peter and John, they were astonished at their bold and clear responses. They correctly credited these “uneducated and common” men’s uncommon abilities to the fact that they had been with Jesus. If we want to be effective witnesses, we too need to spend quality time with Jesus. We need to study and obey His word. We need to commune with Him regularly through formal and informal prayer, and contemplation of Him as we go about our daily lives. This kind of intimacy with Christ will permeate our hearts and saturate our tongues with the truths

about Him so that we are comfortable talking about Him.

Also, Acts 4:8 tells us that Peter and John were filled with the Holy Spirit. It is impossible to walk close to Jesus and not be filled with the Spirit. As we live in obedience and surrender to Christ, we will be controlled by the Holy Spirit who will replace our fear with boldness, and our ignorance with heavenly wisdom.

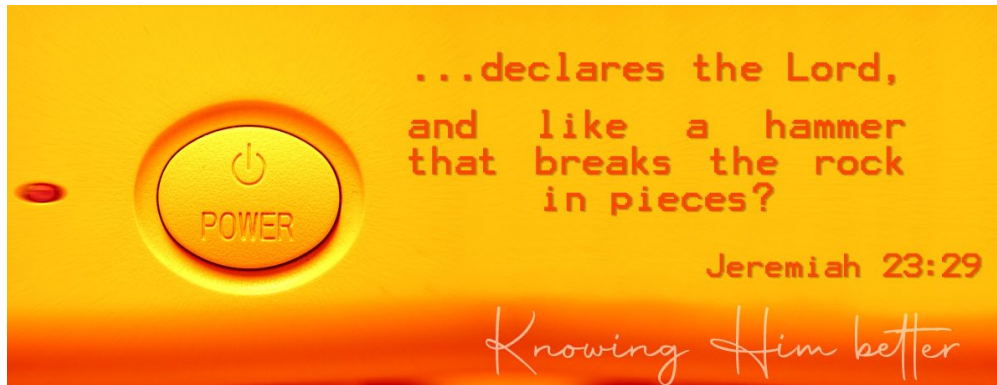
If our consciousness of our perceived (or real) shortcomings has hampered our witness, may God remind us that the power for effective witness comes from our closeness to Christ.

Let us draw near to Him today and discover that we are empowered to witness.

God bless you,

Pastor James

“IS NOT MY WORD LIKE FIRE?”



WHAT'S HAPPENING

<p>CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM</p> <p>Feb 22 Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM</p> <p>Mar 6 & Mar 20 Join us in-person at church.</p>	<p>WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Feb 27 In-person service & livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.</p>
<p>GROWTH GROUPS THU & FRI @ 7 PM</p> <p>Feb 24 & Feb 25 In-person at church. Plan to attend one convenient to you.</p>	<p>YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM</p> <p>Feb 25 Youth meetings are in-person at church. For ages 13 & older</p>	<p>KIDZONE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Feb 27 Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. For ages 6 – 12 yrs. old.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Growth Groups continue this week on Thursday & Friday at 7 pm at church.** Sign up at the Information Center or Online to attend a group convenient to you. Preparatory questions are available at the Information Center and on our website.
- **Ladies' Meeting Saturday Feb 26th @ 10:30 am** at church. Theme: “Let’s Move (Part 2) Because it’s Time to Get Up and Move – Physically & Spiritually.”
- **Help BCM Peru** purchase a new ministry van. Donate today to help us as a church raise \$2000 of the total price of \$20,000.
- **The Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Pregnancy Resource Center of the Poconos** is on. Please grab a bottle from church and fill it with coins, cash, or a check and return it to church by February 27. If you aren’t able to get to church, you may go to prepoconos.org and click “DONATE NOW,” or you may mail your donation to us at Mountain Stream Baptist Church, P.O. Box 192, Bushkill PA, 18324 and we will forward it to the PRC for you. **Be sure to mark your donation clearly “for PRC.”**
- **Giving Statements for 2021** are available at the Information Center at church.
- **Bible Reading plans for 2022** are now available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie’s daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS

Two ways to give your offering. Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. Please remember to hit “SAVE” after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!