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SPIRIT-LED GLOBAL WITNESSES

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



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

Our sinful, stubborn world needs clear, convincing witnesses of Jesus. Blinded by sin, people miss the reality that only Jesus can save them. Some have never heard this amazing news. Some have rejected this lifegiving truth. Others try to silence the very proclamation of this truth altogether. Christians often feel overwhelmed as they face the challenges of witnessing for Christ to a hostile, indifferent world. Many of us become discouraged and abandon any effort to share Christ. Jesus knew how difficult witnessing for Him would be and, just before departing this world, He promised that the coming of the Holy Spirit would en-

able His disciples to be Spirit-led global witnesses.

The indwelling and filling of the Holy Spirit would imbue His disciples with the wisdom and courage no amount of human training and sagacity could provide. As compassionate Christians strive to find effective ways to bring people to Christ, we are often tempted to resort to gimmicks and (manipulative) techniques. However, effective witness for Christ is a divine activity that cannot be accomplished through human skill and ability. Human logic and reasoning are not sufficient to woo a wandering heart to God. It is the Spirit-led word that cuts through the deceptions and rebellion of the human heart to bring deep conviction that people need Jesus. Every believer can have the confidence that as he depends on the Holy Spirit to empower his witness, he will be an effective gospel witness.

Not only can Christians be effective witnesses, but we also need to be global witnesses. Jesus said His disciples would be witnesses in Jerusalem (their hometown), all Judea (their country), Samaria (neighboring dissimilar communities), and

the entire world (far-flung places). Christians need to maintain an interest in the advancement of the gospel message across the whole world. It might mean the individual Christian himself personally engaging in global missions by traveling to foreign countries or by employing appropriate technologies to help to spread the gospel. Alternatively, he may prayerfully and financially support others who are engaged in foreign missions. At times he will have the amazing opportunity to do both.

One thing is sure: Jesus expects and has equipped His disciples to be Spirit-led global witnesses. The first disciples demonstrated this reality as “uneducated, common” individuals (Acts 4:13) turned their world “upside down” for Christ (Acts 17:6).

Will you become a modern-day Spirit-led global witness?

God bless you,

Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

AUG 8

Join us via Zoom video
Please contact Pastor James
for log on information at
rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

AUG 11

In-person at church.
For teens
ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

AUG 20

Join us in-person
at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

AUG 13

These ministries are
available every Sunday
during the morning service
Kidzone for ages
6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

AUG 13

In-person service and
Livestreaming on Facebook,
Youtube and our webpage.

- Thanks to all who helped make Family Fun Day a success!
- Men's Breakfast Saturday at 9 am. Invite a friend and bring something to share for Breakfast if you can.
- Living Hope Baptist Church in Mt. Pocono will be hosting a back-to-school backpack giveaway for Kindergarten - Grade 4 Wednesday August 9th at the church. Check out their website for more information.
- Help Needed: If you'd be willing to bring refreshments on a Sunday, speak to Becky or Lori.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15 at the Garden at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- Bible Reading plans for 2023 are available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. 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!