

S E R M O N N O T E S

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Power to Witness
Acts 1:1-11

Introduction

Considering who the disciples of Jesus were, isn't it fascinating that they were the ones to continue Jesus' ministry after he left? Even more unbelievable is that they succeeded. It makes no earthly sense...which is exactly the point of Acts 1.

Interpretation

To have Acts 1 influence, we need to remember three things:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Application

Going Deeper

1. What is your impression of Jesus' disciples? What surprises you about them and about the fact that Jesus chose them?
2. Humanly speaking, what should have happened to Jesus' ministry after He ascended in Acts 1?
3. What did the power of the Holy Spirit enable the apostles to do in the book of Acts? How is this different than how they act in the gospels?
4. The promise in Acts 1:8 is the power to be a witness. What does "be a witness" mean?
5. What does it mean for us to embrace our weakness? Is this a difficult thing for you to do or does it bring freedom? Why is our weakness an essential element to God's power working through us (2 Cor. 12)?
6. What role does prayer play in experiencing Acts 1 power? How would you characterize your prayer life as of today? What are you currently praying for?
7. How does fear stop us from experiencing the power promised? Why is it important for us to step out in ways that make us uncomfortable?
8. Describe a time that you have seen God work powerfully through you to affect others.

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