

Develop World Vision

Acts 1:8

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“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

The apostles did not see Jesus rise from the dead, but they did see Him ascend into heaven. It happened “while they beheld.” Naturally, the fact that He walked again among them would be proof to them of the resurrection.

But there would be no proof for them of Christ's ascension into heaven unless they saw it happen. And they did. “And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight” (Acts 1:9).

He had been talking to them just before it happened. What had He said? What was on His heart during those last few minutes that He had with these eleven men whom He loved so dearly and who had walked with Him during His earthly ministry? The answer to that is vitally important to us, for it reveals His final orders to His disciples.

First of all, He told them of the coming of the Holy Spirit who would indwell them and imbue them with power. He will enable us to serve Him acceptably today and that should suffice for us. If we can live for Christ today and serve Him today, let us not be concerned with the mysteries of the times and seasons of tomorrow.

What is our service? He said, “Ye shall be witnesses unto me.” And that was it. He said it and left. He spoke and He was gone. His final charge: witness.

It never ceases to amaze me how easy it is to get sidetracked from this simple command. It seems that everything else in life can come in and crowd it out. It seems that everything else in life is easier to do. It seems that everything else in life can loom before us in great importance and capture our attention and efforts. But there it is, His final word - Witness!

Notice, He said witness unto Me. Not to a lifestyle, not to a plan, not to my pet doctrine, not to my denomination, not to my private interpretation of the Bible, not to my accomplishments for God, not to anything; but Christ.

Then He says, start where you are. Your hometown is your Jerusalem. Don't wish you were over there some place, or involved in a different occupation or profession. Your next door neighbor, your business, the people in the office, your colleagues in your profession, that's where to start. Too often we think of witnessing as something we do, when we are not where we are at.

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