

CONDUITS, NOT BATTERIES

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Alive In The Spirit, part 10

*Lord of the harvest, Place Your fire in me
A servant You need now, a servant I will be
Give me the eyes of Your Spirit
Your heart of compassion to know
Lord of the harvest, Show me where to go*

“When he saw the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.” **Matt. 9:36-38** CSB

Workers = Witnesses.

BIG IDEA: The main reason the Spirit empowers us is to reach people with God’s Good News!

“He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” **Luke 24:45-49**

The power is the Spirit’s presence to energize our witness!

“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:4-8

Harvest. Workers. Spirit. Witness.

What do witnesses do?

Acts 26:1-23

- 1) Look for _____
- 2) _____ the recipient
- 3) Recount your life _____
- 4) How _____ became real
- 5) How you are _____ now
- 6) Offer an _____

“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.” **Acts 4:29-31**

The Spirit still wants to empower us to be witnesses.