

From Waiting to Witnessing Everyday Supernatural Living – Part 2

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Acts 1:8 (ESV) 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."

1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (ESV) Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

1. Obedience, Unity and _____ in Transition

Acts 1:12 (ESV) Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

Acts 1:13-14 (ESV) And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying ... All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

2. Recognize God's Sovereignty and _____

Acts 1:15-17 (ESV) In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

Acts 1:20 (ESV) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'

3. Prayerful _____ Making

Acts 1:21-22 (ESV) So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us ... must become with us a witness to his resurrection."

Acts 1:24-25 (ESV) And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

Acts 1:26 (ESV) And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus

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Intro. How does Acts 1:8 apply to you?

How is the life of a follower of Jesus like an athletic event (1 Corinthians 9:24-25)?

What training and preparation do you think you need to be a witness?

1A. What was significant about the disciples returning to Jerusalem (Acts 1:12)?

1B. What is remarkable about the fact that the disciples were unified in the upper room (Acts 1:13-14)?

1C. Explain what being devoted to prayer means (Acts 1:13-14).

1D. What changes in your life do you need to make regarding obedience, unity and prayer directed to being a witness for Jesus?

- 2A. What can we learn from Peter's reliance on God's Word to understand the situation they were in (Acts 1:15-17)?
- 2B. How did God's Word give direction after the suicide of Judas (Acts 1:20)?
- 2C. Why is it important to recognize that God is sovereign?
- 2D. How can you grow in applying God's Word to your Five Friends Focus?
- 3A. Why is choosing leadership in a church something that must be directed by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:21-22)?
- 3B. How can you follow the disciple's practice of praying before every decision (Acts 1:24-25)?
- 3C. Why did the disciples cast lots before Pentecost, but never afterward (Acts 1:26)?
- 3D. Are you praying for your Five Friend Focus daily? If not, what changes can you make to prioritize being a witness in your life?