

3. The **priority** of their witness

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Obey the commandment of God or the commandment of men?

Consider some reasons we fail to witness:

Doubt

Dread

Defilement

Discouragement

Distraction

4. The **persistence** of their witness

*And daily in the temple, and in every house, **they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.** Acts 5:42*

They passed the tests:

- The Prison test – **vs 18-25**
- The Perseverance test – **vs 33-39**
- The Persecution test – **vs 40**

*Jesus said, “**Ye shall be witnesses** unto me.” ... The disciples said, “**And we are his witnesses** of these things”*

Sunday School

Refresh

5. EVANGELIZE - PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

*And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, ²⁸ Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. ²⁹ Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. ³¹ Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. ³² And *we are his witnesses* of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. Acts 5:27-32*

*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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8*

*And *ye are witnesses* of these things. Luke 24:48*

1. The **Place** of their witness

*And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought *among the people*; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. Acts 5:12*

*"...Ye have *filled Jerusalem* with your doctrine" Acts 5:28*

*Go ye into *all the world* and preach the gospel to *every creature*. Mark 16:15*

2. The **Power** of their witness

*¹² And by the hands of the apostles were *many signs and wonders wrought* among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. Acts 5:12*

The power of a **Changed Life**

Share your personal **testimony**:

- My life before I came to the Lord Jesus Christ
- How I came to know the Lord Jesus Christ
- What the Lord Jesus has done in my life since I became a Christian.

The power of the **Gospel**

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for *it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth*; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16*

PRESENT THE GOSPEL!

The power of a **present Savior**

*Lo, *I am with you always*, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:20*

*So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went forth, and preached every where, *the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following*. Amen. Mark 16:19-20*

The power of the **Holy Spirit**

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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8

The power of **partnership**

*Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, *that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel*. Philippians 1:27*