**Witness: An Invitation to Adventure**
**or, The Jesus Movement Mandate**
message #1 in the series
**The Acts 1:8 Adventure**
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A Chapter a Day

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**adventure**  
1. Noun – “an unusual, exciting, and possibly dangerous activity, trip, or experience, or the excitement produced by such activities” (Cambridge Dictionary)

2. Noun – “an undertaking usually involving danger and unknown risks;” “an exciting or remarkable experience” (Merriam-Webster)

3. Verb – “engage in hazardous and exciting activity, especially the exploration of unknown territory” (Oxford)

**Acts 1**

1. In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.
And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me;  

for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”  

He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.  

8 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.”

9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.  

10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,  

11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” (ESV)

1. The _________________________ for our witness is God’s _________________________ within us.

- Every follower of Jesus is baptized in and by the Holy Spirit when we first repent and believe.

- We are filled with the Spirit over and over again as we live in daily obedience and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus.

- The two primary evidences of a Spirit-filled life are:

  (1) A transformed character

  But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
  gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23, ESV)

  (2) A bold witness for Jesus

  31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. (Acts 4:31, ESV)
2. The ______________________ of our witness is to ______________________ of Jesus Christ.
   • Disciples of Jesus repent, believe, are baptized, identify with his people, and invite others to do the same.

3. The ______________________ of our witness is the ______________________.

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:8-12, ESV)

4. The ______________________ of our witness is ____________, there, & ______________________.
5. The _____________________ of our witness is from now until Jesus ______________________ in power and glory.

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:14, ESV)

So, let’s make it personal:

(1) If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, will you join the Jesus movement – will you turn from your sins in repentance, trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord, be baptized in his name, identify with his people, and invite others to do the same?

(2) If you are a follower of Jesus, will you renew your commitment today to being a verbal witness for Jesus and the gospel? Will you be an eager, joyful, and bold witness fully engaged in the Acts 1:8 adventure?

(3) If you are a follower of Jesus, who’s your one? The one person (in your family, at work, at school, at the gym, in your neighborhood, etc.) that God would have you pray for and talk with about Jesus and the gospel.

My one is ____________________________________________________.