

## “Unashamed –

### The Power to Share” Part 5

*“But 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 1:8*

*“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,” 1 Peter 3:15*

#### A. God calls each of us to be witnesses...

1. God’s purpose for us is to be a witness!  
“you will be my witnesses”

2. God gives us the power to be a witness!  
“you will receive power”

3. God directs us where we need to be a witness!

*“in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

4. God directs us how we are to be a witness!  
“do this with gentleness and respect,”

#### B. God calls our whole life to be a witness...

*“Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, ‘children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.’ Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.” Philippians 2:14*

1. God calls us to live a life that is positive and grateful, not grumbling and arguing!

2. God calls us to stand out from the world around us.

3. God calls us to shine amidst all the trials of life.

4. Does your life speak louder than your words?

*“so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.”*

*1 Thessalonians 4:12*

#### C. God calls us to always be prepared...

*“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,”*

*1 Peter 3:15*

1. Look for opportunities to share your faith.

*“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” 1 Peter 3:15*

2. Be wise in how your share with others.

*“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.” Colossians 4:5-6*

3. Be dependent on God for His Spirit to shine through.

*“For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you.” 1 Thessalonians 1:5*

4. God has no other plan than to use us!

*“When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd. ‘What a huge harvest!’ he said to his disciples. ‘How few workers! On your knees and pray for harvest hands!’” Matthew 9:37 The Message*

#### D. By God’s grace, I am unashamed to share my faith...

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...” Romans 1:16*

1. Remember God put you in the place where you are to be his ambassador!

*“So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, ‘Come back to God!’” 2 Corinthians 5:20*

2. If you truly love people, it will show through!

*“We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too.”*

*1 Thessalonians 2:8*

3. God will give you the words if you remain dependent on Him!

*“When they drag you into their meeting places, or into police courts and before judges, don’t worry about defending yourselves—what you’ll say or how you’ll say it. The right words will be there. The Holy Spirit will give you the right words when the time comes.”*

*Luke 12:11-12*

4. Don’t be afraid to be identified as a Christian as it is the power to change lives for eternity!

*“So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don’t be ashamed of me, either, even though I’m in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News.” 2 Timothy 1:8*

#### So...

- **Be authentic.**
- **Leave the results to the Holy Spirit.**
- **Be a listener.**
- **Stick with them.**
- **Expect God to use you.**

**“And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ.”**

**Philemon 1:6**