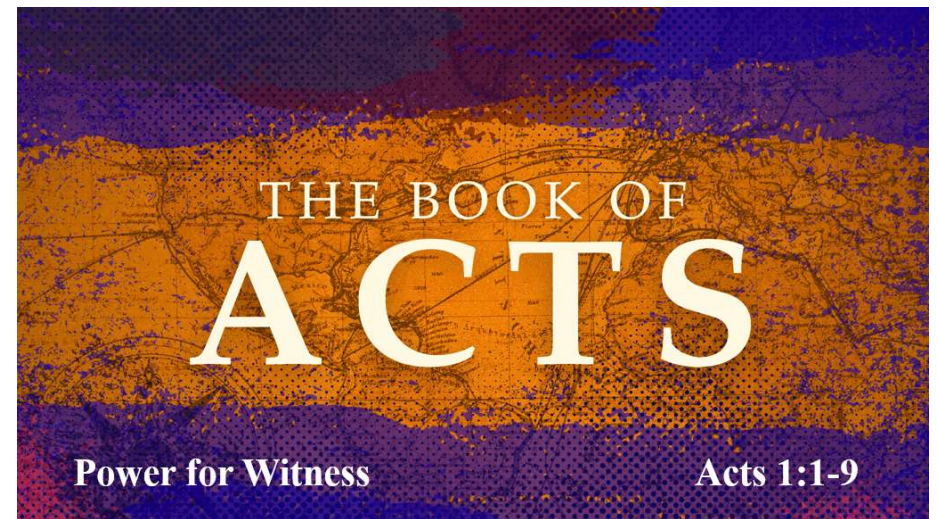


3. Why do you think Jesus' final words before His ascension focused on being His witnesses
4. What keeps many believers from sharing the gospel "near," and what might help us take the gospel "far"
5. Are you willing to ask God to fill you afresh with His Spirit to be a bold witness for Jesus? What might that look like this week

Sermon Discussion Points for



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Sunday, November 2, 2025

First

Read Acts 1:1-9

These verses are Jesus' final words to his followers before his ascension into heaven. He instructs them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of Holy Spirit baptism which will empower them to accomplish the mission He had given them – to be witnesses for the gospel.

Vs. 4-5 - The Promise – Holy Spirit Power

1. Why do you think Jesus told His followers to *wait* for the promise of the Father instead of sending them out right away?
2. How do you see the difference between the Holy Spirit being *with*, *in*, and *upon* believers?
3. What does it look like in your own life to live “empowered” by the Holy Spirit rather than in your own strength?
4. Why do you think so many Christians stop short of seeking or walking in that kind of Spirit-empowered life?

Vs. 6-8 – The Purpose – To be Witnesses

1. When you hear the word “*witness*,” what comes to mind? How would you describe what it means to be a *witness for Jesus*?
2. The disciples expected Jesus to restore political power to Israel. Why do you think they struggled to understand His greater purpose?
3. The Spirit's power was for *witness*, not *weirdness*. What are some ways believers today can drift from the true purpose of the Spirit's power?
4. How does the Holy Spirit help you overcome fear or hesitation when it comes to sharing your faith?

Vs. 8-9 – The Proximity – Near and Far

1. Jesus said His followers would be witnesses in *Jerusalem*, *Judea*, *Samaria*, and *to the ends of the earth*. What might those places represent in your life today?
2. How has the gospel reached you because someone else was faithful to be a witness?

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