# ARE YOU EMPOWERD TO WITNESS?

Are You Ready / Week Seven

- <sup>2</sup>For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.
- 1 Corinthians 4:20 (NIV)

#### CHRISTIANS HAVE THREE SOURCES OF POWER

#### Natural



Food & Drink

Flesh



Carnal Appetites and Impulses

The Spirit



The Word, Prayer, the Fellowship

<sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

Acts 1:3-8 (NIV)

For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

Acts 1:3-8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be <u>my</u> <u>witnesses</u> in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:3-8 (NIV)

# The Spirit's Power Enables Us to:

- 1. Experience Life by the Word Above Our Feelings
- 2. Experience the Joy of Living Out Our Fellowship With Him
- 3. Express Wisdom, Courage, and Holiness Under Stress

### Witness:

from the word "Martus"; to give testimony or an account

#### One Who:

- 1. Testifies
- 2. Declares
- 3. Demonstrates

# As Witnesses We Provide Testimony Before God's Throne

""Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes." Matthew 11:21 (NIV)

# As Witnesses We Declare the Gospel

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

### As Witnesses We Demonstrate With Our Lives

<sup>13</sup>When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13 (NIV)

