

SERMON NOTES:



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Practicing the Way
WITNESS 3.0

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The Pressure We Feel

- Who should I invest in? Which conversation matters? What if I get it wrong?

Good News: Witness was never meant to be a solo project.

Acts 1:3–8 Jesus says:

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses."

- Notice the order: 1. Receive the Spirit 2. Then witness

We begin by looking for the Holy Spirit, not by looking for a perfect opportunity.

"Evangelism is joining a conversation the Holy Spirit is already having with another person."

- Darrell Johnson

God has been at work in our world long before we got here...

Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8)

God was already working:

- Drawing the Ethiopian, Stirring his heart, Leading him to Isaiah, Preparing him for Jesus.
- Philip's role was simply to join in.

Four Practical Movements we see at work in Philips experience

1. Listen - Cultivate habit of listening for Gods voice.
2. Look - Notice where God may already be working.
3. Ask - Genuine questions show respect and open doors to deeper relationship.
4. Risk - Be obedient to any prompting from the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' own Pattern

Matthew 4:23

- Jesus taught, proclaimed and healed

The Kingdom is announced and demonstrated. The same was true of the 12 disciples and in the example of the early church.

The Holy Spirit is still at Work through:

- Prayer, Healing, Encouragement, Words of Knowledge and Prophetic insight.

But just as miraculously through the changes made IN people:

- Forgiveness, Peace, Softened hearts, Restored relationships, Changed lives

The fruits of the Spirit are by their very nature supernatural!

This Week's Practice

- Listen — 5 quiet minutes each morning.
- Look — Notice one person or situation you normally overlook.
- Ask — One thoughtful question.
- Risk — Be open to acting obediently on a prompt of the Holy Spirit.

“Father, where are You already working, and how can I join in?”

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In your small groups this week. Consider working through the session Video and Study Guide lovingly provided by Practicing the Way.

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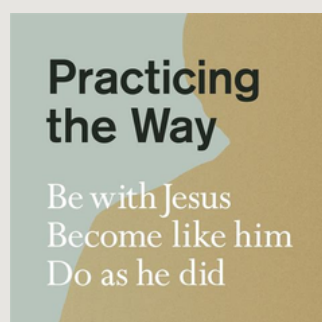


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