

This Week's Devotional (Mon–Fri)

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Sermon Title	Empowered for Witness
Speaker	Pastor Brian Gurney
Primary Passage	Acts 1:6-14

DAY

1

Awake

Pastor Reminder: The disciples first expected Jesus to restore an earthly kingdom, but the Lord lifted their eyes higher. He was teaching them that faithfulness is not measured by visible success, but by trust in his wiser plan.

Acts 1:6-8, Jesus turns their hope toward witness and promises power from above.

🤔 Am I still asking God mainly for the kind of success I can see and control?

🙏 Lord Jesus, gently free my heart from small hopes. Help me trust your kingdom and rest in your perfect wisdom.

✅ Try this today: Pause and name one way you have been looking for outward results instead of trusting Christ.

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2

Source

Pastor Reminder: Jesus did not send his people out in their own strength. He promised the Holy Spirit to help them remember his words and bear witness with courage and peace.

John 14:26, the Spirit teaches and reminds us of all Jesus said.

☁️ Do I try to live the Christian life by my own effort instead of relying on the Spirit?

🙏 Holy Spirit, come near and steady my heart. Remind me of Christ's grace and shape my words with truth and love.

✅ Try this today: Begin the day by asking the Holy Spirit to guide one conversation.

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3

Gift

Pastor Reminder: The heart of witness is not pressure, but gratitude. When we remember Jesus' mercy, forgiveness, and eternal life, our desire to speak of him grows naturally.

Romans 1:16, the gospel is God's power for salvation.

☁️ Have I forgotten how much I have received in Christ?

🙏 Lord, bring back to mind your mercy toward me. Let thankfulness grow into worship and make me glad to speak of your grace.

✅ Try this today: Write down one gift you have received from Jesus and thank him for it in prayer.

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4

Wait

Pastor Reminder: The risen Christ told his followers to wait in prayer, not because he was absent, but because he was preparing them for faithful witness. Waiting with God can be a holy place where trust deepens.

Acts 1:4, Jesus tells them to wait for the Father's promise.

☁️ Can I trust Christ even when his timing asks me to be still?

🙏 Lord, teach me patient waiting. Quiet my restless heart and make me ready for your good work in me.

✅ Try this today: Set aside a few minutes to pray quietly before you check your phone or begin your tasks.

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5

Bold

Pastor Reminder: The apostles became bold witnesses, not because they were impressive, but because the grace of Christ had changed them. This same Lord still moves believers from guilt to gratitude, and from fear to worship.

Acts 2:4, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with courage.

☁️ Who has God placed near me that I can gently tell about what Jesus has done for me?

🙏 Father, fill me with grateful courage. Give me love for one person this week, and open a door for simple, honest witness.

✅ Try this today: Pray by name for one neighbor, coworker, or friend, and share one sentence about what Jesus has done for you.

May the risen Christ fill you with grateful courage and a worshiping heart all week long.