

Jesus transforms lives #3

“Disciples: Empowered & Irrepressible Witnesses”

Acts 1:8: 4:1-22

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Makeovers: Before & After

Before: Peter – impetuous, fearful,
denies Jesus x3 in John Chapter 18

Expert intervention

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea & Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.”

After:

1. Empowered

Luke 24:46-47 “This is what is written: ‘The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day’. And repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

Luke 24:46-47 & Acts 1:8 are the bridge that connect volumes 1 & 2 of this work.

v 46 is a good summary of the gospel of Luke.

v 47 is a good summary of the book of Acts.

Acts 1:8 is the change maker

Dr Martin Lloyd-Jones said “live in [Acts], I exhort you; it is a tonic, the greatest tonic I know of in the realm of the Spirit.”

2. Irrepressible

Peter is as he is, because the Spirit of God is empowering him to declare Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

The tactic of the Sanhedrin was to impose silence

v 19 Should we obey you and be silent, or obey God and speak about what we have seen and heard?

Amongst the disciples the effect of the Holy Spirit is irrepressible.