

Be Empowered!

Acts 1.8, 4.31; John 16.8-11

Why wait? Luke 24.29; Acts 1.8

- **the story needed to be completed
with the gift of God's Spirit
Acts 2.32-39**
- **the disciples needed to be
empowered by the Spirit
to proclaim the good news of Jesus**

1. ...with CLARITY

“each in his own language” Acts 2.5-11

- **know how to answer everyone
Col 4.3-6**
- **give clear reasons for your hope
1 Pet 3.15**
- **ask for God-given words Eph 6.19**

2. ...with COURAGE Eph 6.19-20

- **in the face of:**
 - ridicule Acts 17.32**
 - abuse Acts 13.45;**
 - opposition Acts 14.2**
 - persecution Acts 14.19; 4.3**

- **pray for courage to speak out,**
not for threats to be removed
Acts 4.29,31; John 15.18-16.4

- **speak with gentleness and**
respect 1 Peter 3.15

3. ...with CONVICTION 1 Thess 1.5-6

➤ **from the Holy Spirit Acts 2.36-41**

➤ **spiritual warfare:**

the battle for people's allegiance

Satan has blinded people

1 John 5.19; 2 Cor 4.4;

faith is God's gift

Rom 10.17; Eph 2.8

attitudes form the battle field

2 Cor 10.3-5

God's Word is our weapon

Eph 6.17; Heb 4.12

➤ **God's Spirit brings conviction
of guilt John 16.7-11**

sin: rejecting Jesus

righteousness: Jesus vindicated

judgement: Jesus is the winner!

**Only God's Spirit can provide
breakthroughs and impart new life**