



## Life Savers

# Throw and Tow

Life Savers –Three

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

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

3.9.25

In Acts 1:8, Jesus commissions His followers to be His witnesses, emphasizing the importance of sharing the Gospel in their immediate surroundings and to the ends of the earth. This command serves as both a call and an empowering promise of the Holy Spirit. As you reflect on this passage, consider how you can respond to this mission in your own life.

### Unpacking the Passage

Acts 1:8 states: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Notice the following contained in the passage. We heard this in Celebration Worship, but this is a reminder of what Pastor Jeff shared...

#### 1. The Promise of Power:

Jesus assures His followers that they will receive power through the Holy Spirit. This empowerment is essential for effective witness.

#### 2. The Call to Witness:

Witnessing is not merely about evangelism; it encompasses living a life that reflects Christ's love and sharing that love with others. It is living a life that is willing to Throw the Ring – and The Ring is the Thing

#### 3. The Scope of Witnessing:

The command to witness starts at home (Jerusalem), extends to the community (Judea), reaches beyond comfort zones (Samaria), and ultimately stretches to the entire world (ends of the earth). Grab your journal and get ready to give some thoughts to the following

#### Reflecting on the Call to Witness:

What does it mean to you to be called a witness for Christ in your daily life? Can you think of a time when you felt empowered by the Holy Spirit to share your faith? What happened?

#### Understanding the Power:

How do you understand the role of the Holy Spirit in your life as a believer? In what areas of your life do you feel you need more empowerment to be a witness?

#### Jerusalem: Personal Sphere

Who are the people in your immediate circle (family, friends, coworkers) that you feel called to witness to? What practical steps can you take this week to share your faith or acts of kindness with them?

#### Judea: Community Engagement

Are there local organizations or groups that you can partner with to share God's love in your community? How can you engage with your community to be an effective witness of Christ's love?

#### Samaria: Beyond Comfort Zones

Who are the individuals or groups that you find challenging to engage with? Why? What steps can you take to reach out to those who may be different from you or outside your comfort zone?

#### Ends of the Earth: Global Perspective

How does the idea of witnessing to the ends of the earth resonate with you? Are there missionaries or global causes that you feel led to support? How can you get involved (prayer, financial support, advocacy)?

#### Personal Application:

How can you integrate witnessing into your daily routine? What are three specific actions you can take in the next month to be a more effective witness in each of the areas discussed (Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, ends of the earth)?

#### Pray About It

Ask God to help you understand and embrace your role as a witness. Pray for the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in your life. Lift up those you feel called to reach out to, asking for opportunities and boldness.

Acts 1:8 reminds us that witnessing is holistic, encompassing our personal lives, communities, and the world.

As you reflect on these questions, consider how you can actively participate in God's mission, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to share His love with those around you.

And remember – you have a Life Saver to share....

“Jesus loves YOU – He is a Life Saver”