

Power for the Call

Acts 1:1-11

I. Prepare for the Call

Matthew 28:18–20 KJV 1900

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

A. Prepare Your Life

Acts 1:1-3

B. Prepare by Waiting

Acts 1:4-5

John 14:6 KJV 1900

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:16–17 KJV 1900

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

Isaiah 40:31 KJV 1900

But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings as eagles; They shall run, and not be weary; *And* they shall walk, and not faint.

II. Power for the Christian

Acts 5:38–39 KJV 1900

And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

A. Power Delivered

The word *power* is the Greek word *dunamis* meaning strength, ability, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature.

This power is given specifically for the purpose of witnessing! The word *witnesses* is from the Greek word *martus* and is where we get our word Martyr.

Acts 7:60 KJV 1900

And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

B. Power to witness

Revelation 20:11–15 KJV 1900

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Ephesians 2:8–9 KJV 1900

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast.