

Our Job : His Job

John 15:26-16:11

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“ . . . You will be my witnesses . . . ” Acts 1:8 (NIV)

Truth #1: THE SPIRIT PARTNERS WITH CHRIST-FOLLOWERS IN WITNESSING TO THE WORLD.

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.” John 15:26-27 (English Standard Version)

Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.
Mark 13:11 (New International Version)

“We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” Acts 5:32 (NIV)

But they [the mob] could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he [Stephen] was speaking. Acts 6:10 (ESV)

Truth #2: BELIEVERS MUST REMEMBER THAT THEY WILL FACE OPPOSITION AS THEY WITNESS.

“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.” John 16:1-4a (ESV)

“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you . . . ²¹But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.”
John 15:18, 21 (ESV)

Truth #3: THE SPIRIT DOES ALL THE INNER WORK IN BRINGING NONBELIEVERS TO FAITH.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.” John 16:4b-11 (ESV)

We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Isaiah 64:6a (New Living Translation)