



HOW TO START A REVOLUTION

The Promises

Acts 1:8-11

THREE KEY PROMISES JESUS MAKES THAT ENABLE US TO STAY ON MISSION IN THE REVOLUTION

1. I AM GOING TO EMPOWER YOU:

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.”

Acts 1:8

WE DON'T EARN THE POWER . . . WE RECEIVE IT

Grasp the Power of His Love For Us

. . . He may strengthen you with power through his Spirit... that you may have power to grasp...how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.”

Ephesians.3:16-18

Experience the Power of His Character in Us

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23

Live Out the Power of his Victory Given to Us

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know . . . his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead . . .

Ephesians 1:18-20

Power to Testify of His Grace . . .

2. I AM GOING TO USE YOU:

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.”

Acts 1:8

Four Realities About Being A Jesus' Witness

1. Every believer is a witness . . . “will be”
2. A witness is a person who says I know this is true – cannot be second hand
3. A witness for Jesus testifies about him through what they say and what they do
4. The Greek word for witness and for martyr is the same word “*martus*” – a witness had to be ready to become a martyr . . . to be loyal no matter the cost

3. I AM GOING TO RETURN FOR YOU:

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Acts 1:8-11

... the Holy Spirit considers the ascension of Christ so important that He mentions it in Acts and the gospels no less than twenty times and uses thirteen different words and expressions to describe it, each one reflecting a different shade of meaning.

John Phillips

...the essential teaching of Christianity is that God has a plan for man and the world. We are bound to believe that history is not a haphazard conglomeration of chance events which are going nowhere. We are bound to believe that there is some divine far off event to which the whole creation moves and that when that consummation comes Jesus Christ will be Judge and Lord of all. The Second Coming is not a matter for speculation and for illegitimate curiosity; it is a summons to make ourselves ready for that day when it comes.

William Barclay