

Focused on evangelism near and far
Acts 1:8 I Corinthians 5:1-8 I Thessalonians 2:4-8

I. Our mission Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

A. We are supernaturally empowered for our mission

B. We have been given a strategy

II. Our Message I Corinthians 15:1-4

A. Gospel Declared 1,2

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

B. Gospel Message 3,4 (content of the gospel)

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

III. Our method I Thessalonians 2:4-8

A. We have been entrusted with the gospel (4)

4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.

B. Share with simple conversation (5-7)

5 For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness—God is witness. 6 Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing *mother* cherishes her own children.

C. Sharing is relational (8)

8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

Conclusion

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