



You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are his witnesses of this.

Acts 3:15

We are witnesses

It's hard to talk about Jesus and share our faith. We live in a world that largely doesn't want us to talk about Jesus. We live in a world that doesn't want to hear what God says. I can't imagine how hard it was for Peter to look at the Jews and say, "You killed the author of life..." But then, listen to what he says next: *We are God's witnesses.*

As we read the story of Jesus, we often hear about how the disciples struggled to trust him even when he was right there with them physically. Time and time again, Jesus showed them how powerful he was. He showed them that he was trustworthy. But even after his resurrection as he is about to ascend to heaven, some of them doubted, and in the past they had proven to be afraid.

But on the day of Pentecost, God gave the apostles the boldness and strength to speak about his Word. They went out on that day unwilling to be stopped.

God's promise for you is the same. He promises that he will empower you to tell other people about what God has done. Jesus himself said, "The Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say" (Luke 12:12). The Holy Spirit will help you to share God's Word and tell people that you are a Christian.

Remember: *we're witnesses.* The witnesses in a court trial tell the story of things that happened as best that they can. They testify about what they've seen and heard. That's what we as witnesses are to do. We tell people what we know and believe. We tell people what the Bible says about Jesus. *We're witnesses!*

Yes, it's hard to talk about Jesus and share our faith. People don't often like what we have to say or want to hear it. But we have nothing to hide. We don't need to be ashamed. Jesus is always with us, and his Spirit will give us both the boldness and the words. We are witnesses of what God has said and what Jesus has done. Talk about it!

Prayer: Dear Lord, give us the strength to speak and the words to say to those who don't believe in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and give us your power to spread the Word. Help us to put all our trust in you as we live today. Amen.