

BE MY WITNESS

Isaiah 6:2---8

Acts 1:2---10

Greetings from Pakistan, Salam. Salam from 256 Presbyterian churches in Pakistan. Salam from more than 4000 students of Presbyterian schools, in which 60% are Muslims and 40% are Christians. Salam from my four sons and husband with whom I was engaged when I was three months old. For love marriage my mother always said, love is blind and marriage is an eye opener.

Prayer in Urdu (for my strength and guidance.)

The very last words Jesus spoke before he was ascended to heaven are written in the book of Acts Chapter 1 verses 7 and 8 which says:

"And you will receive Power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my Witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the World You will receive Power."

What power:

- The power that comes from the spirit of God
- The power that opened the eyes of the blind
- The power that raise the dead
- The power to understand the word of God
- The power to see our own sins and to repent it
- The power to experience God, having intimate relationship, hearing His voice, knowing His Will
- The power to say, "Yes I am Christian, when you know you will suffer"
- The power to be His Witness

WITNESS

The word Witness occurs 42 times in New Testament, we are not called to Witness but to be His Witnesses and being a Christian Witness involves your whole life. The phrase Holy Spirit occurs 90 times in New Testament and only three times in OT.

In the book of Acts, God lays out His plan and design for evangelism. The word Witness means someone who testifies to something or one who tells what he or she believes regardless of the results. The English word Martyr comes from Greek word Martoos, which is translated as Witness.

Many of God's people have sealed their fate by laying down their lives; The Blood of these Martyrs has become the seed of the church. In God's Plan for evangelism, He used the gifted and ungifted to reach the masses. The LORD'S COMMAND to be His Witness was obeyed by the Missionaries, your great grandparents, who went to Indo Pakistan.

Role of Missionaries,
Story of Mohanda Bibi

I am living Witness of the work of the Missionaries, The good missionary work was going on until 1972 when the schools were nationalized, and with free missionary schools no longer available, there had been a growth of the Taliban schools. Due to the efforts of PCUSA and the local Pakistan church we got our schools back. The church was rejoicing as we had once again an opportunity

- To be His Witness in that part of the World
- We had an opportunity to built the society
- We had an opportunity to rebuilt the broken walls like Nehemiah
- We had an opportunity to bring new life to the dry bones of Educational work in Pakistan
- We had an opportunity to built relationship between the different communities in Pakistan,
- We had an opportunity to built bridge between East and West
- We had an opportunity to be an agent of change to bring Peace in that society
- We will have an opportunity to be ambassador of Christ in Pakistan
- We had an opportunity to Witness God's love through our schools

The work of the PEB TEAM started with commitment, dedication. Also many parents joined hands in our struggle. They had no money but they wanted to contribute their time.

Haji Pura story

Legacy of the missionaries saved us. The good work of the missionaries, and their witnesses were still there even after 40 years.

That was the time when I made my personal commitment to stay in Pakistan and work for His people, my own people and will be His Witness.

In spite of many challenges we were hearing God's voice clear and loud as it is written in Mathew chapter 24 verse 14

And the Gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole World, as witness to all nations and then the end will come.

We were there to be a living Witness of God's love.

Dear friends I want say to all of you, do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as you can.

Be His Witness wherever you can. Go out in this troubled world and put your hands in GOD'S hands, and keep marching, for we know He is not watching us, He is with us, He is not just with us, but He is in us.

Isaiah chapter 6 verse 8 says:

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, "Here I am, send me Lord, send me to your people, I have heard your people cry. Use me Lord, guide me Lord, and fill me Lord with the love for your people, fill me with compassion. Lord make me an instrument of peace where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy."

Then we can lift up our hands and say Lord, come, we have fulfilled your command. We have been your Witnesses throughout, Judea Sumeria, America and Pakistan. Lord come, your bride is waiting, Prince of Peace come, let your ears be attentive to the prayers of your servant. Lord we are waiting,

May God give His wisdom, strength and courage to each and every one of us, may God bless you all; may God bless America. May God bless Pakistan.
Amen