

Part 5 Contagious Relational Witnesses of Christ and for Christ



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And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.



Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.



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So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"



He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.



But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.



And you will be my witnesses, in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him.



As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them.



"Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven?



Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!"



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Every believer has their own specific Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria. But yours are unlike anyone else's. God has put each of them in relationship with you because the Father wants to use you to draw them to Christ.

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Your witness will always be affected by your thoughts, actions, words, and lifestyle. It is your lifestyle that ultimately reveals in who and in what you really believe.



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Principle #4

You cannot be right with God if you are not right with others; you cannot be right with others if you are not right with God.



If there are ruptured relationships between you and those you love, or those who love you, there will usually be a rupture in the flow of the Holy Spirit in your life and in theirs.

Principle #6

When you make Christ the Lord of your life, you forever surrender the right to choose whom you will love.

Principle #7

The greatest testimony you can give about the reality of Christ is a radically transformed life through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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