

## Three Testimonies That Point to Jesus

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### Summary of the Message

If you want to point to Christ with your life and testimony this is the key – You need to walk in intimacy with Jesus to the point that people around you will recognize that you have been with Jesus.

As Dwight L. Moody once said: “Out of 100 men, one will read the Bible, the other 99 will read the Christian.”

### Peter’s testimony (Acts 2:14–36)

What the Law could not do — transform the heart — the Spirit now does. Pentecost shows us that God’s plan was always to move His people from ritual to relationship, from external obedience to internal transformation. God can take your weakness and turn it into strength when you’ve been with Jesus.

Peter was bold and courageous naturally, but not wise in his words and deeds (stepping out of the boat, the rebuke after his confession that Jesus was the Christ and the rebuke at the Lord’s Supper — Peter would deny Christ three times). Now, this is a Peter filled with wisdom from Heaven (Peter has a wise approach to the people, Peter has a wise approach to Scripture and Peter has words that can cut their hearts).

### The prophets’ testimonies (Acts 2:16–35)

Prophet Joel – Acts 2:16–21 (Joel 2:28–32)

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh...”

Prophet David – Acts 2:25–36 (Psalm 16 & Psalm 110)

*“For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One see corruption...”* (Ps. 16)

*“The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right*

*hand...”* (Ps. 110)

Joel and David testify alongside Peter: Jesus is the promised Messiah. Scripture itself confirms the gospel message — our faith rests not on feelings or human words but on God’s promises fulfilled in Christ. Just as the early church trusted the Word, we too must point people to Jesus through Scripture.

### The Holy Spirit’s testimony (Acts 2:37–41)

Now, we’ve got to the beautiful conclusion of the story. How the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of the people that were listening to Peter’s testimony. You can be sure of that as well; the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of the people you are sharing Christ with! This is His Work! Look at what Jesus said in the Lord’s Supper concerning the Holy Spirit, and about me and you:

John 15:26-27:

“But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

### Start Talking: Spark Conversation

- Peter went from being fearful to boldly testifying about Jesus. Have you ever experienced a moment when you surprised yourself with courage or faith?
- If you had to describe your week in one word, which would it be? Does it reflect more of fear (like Peter before Pentecost) or boldness (like Peter after the Spirit filled him)?

### Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

- Peter, Joel, and David all pointed to Jesus. How can we be more faithful to God in pointing others to Christ with our testimony?
- Who is someone in your life that inspires you to stay faithful to God, like the prophets

inspired Peter?

- Acts 2 shows that the Spirit gave Peter boldness. Romans 8:37 says we are *more than conquerors*. How does the Spirit help us live that out in everyday life?

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### Start Sharing

- When you face difficult situations, do you tend to remain in God and lean on His Spirit, or do you try to handle things in your own strength?
  - Peter's words "cut to the heart" of the people (Acts 2:37). Have you ever experienced a moment when God's Word deeply convicted or encouraged you? How did you respond?
  - When you feel "cut off" from God, what practices or people help you come back to Him? (Prayer, Scripture, worship, fellowship?)

### Start Doing: Commit to Act

- What is one act of obedience you can practice this week to point someone to Jesus—through your life, your words, or Scripture?
- Peter persevered after failure (denying Jesus). What's one area of your life where you need to persevere instead of giving up?
- Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit dwells in us. How can you remind yourself daily that nothing can separate you from the love of Christ and that His Spirit empowers you?

### **Praying.**

Lord, thank You that just as You used Peter, You want to use us to point others to Jesus. Thank You for the testimony of Scripture and for the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Teach us to remain faithful during tribulations and to share Christ boldly. Give us perseverance when we feel weak, and remind us daily that Jesus has already overcome the world. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Announcements:**

- Be part of our team: become a volunteer!
- HOP every Friday 7pm at Formation Center.
- Give your offering through Contribua, so it