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HIS CHURCH

Called as Witnesses | Acts 1:1-11

MAIN POINT

Jesus builds His church through the powerful testimony of gospel witnesses





As gospel witnesses, we are...

Strengthened by the proof of
Jesus' resurrection (1-3)



As gospel witnesses, we are...

Comforted with the **promise** of
Jesus' **presence** (4-5)

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever...

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 14:16, 26





As gospel witnesses, we are...

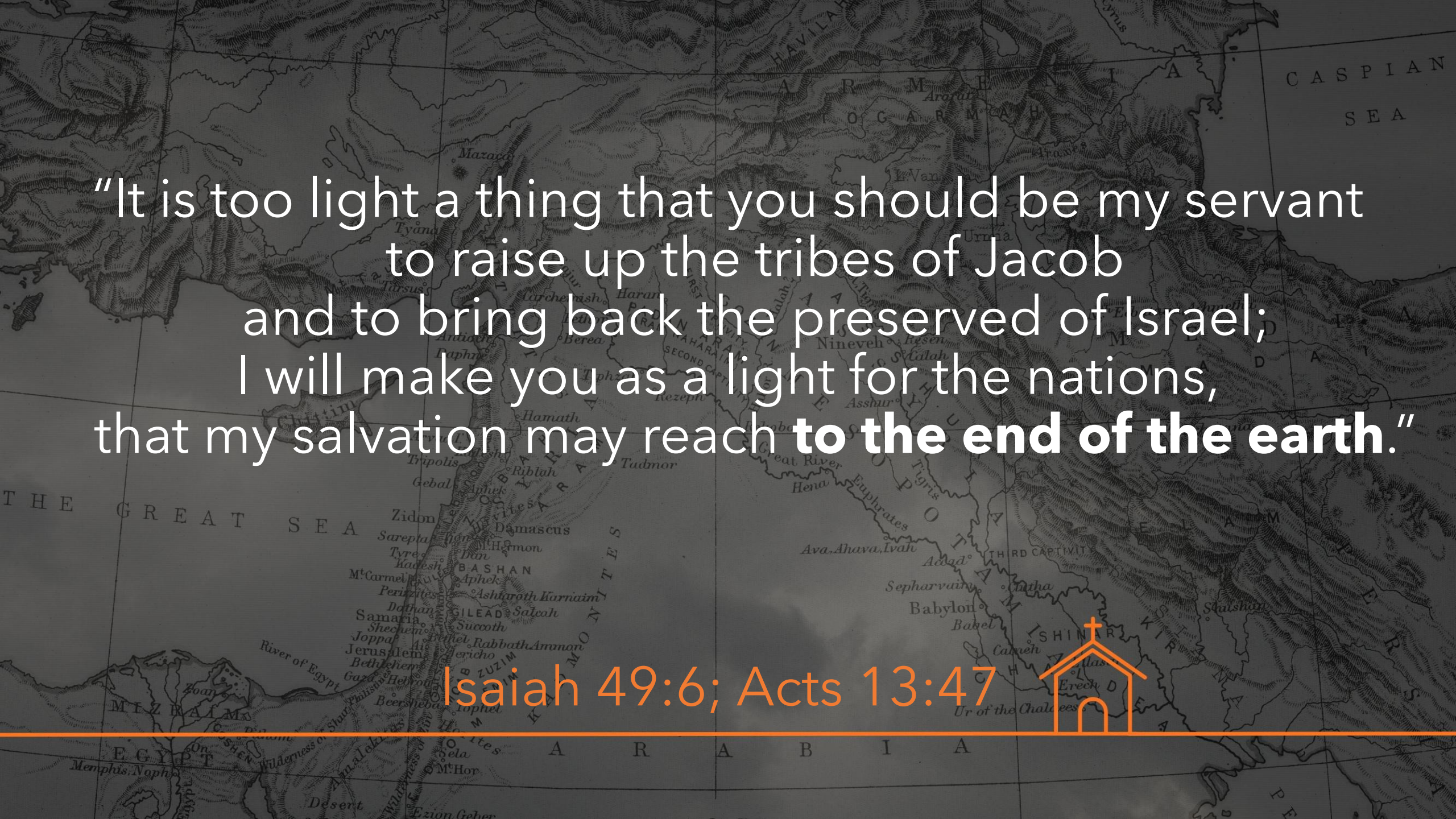
Equipped with the power of
Jesus' Spirit (6-8)

23 ...From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to **the kingdom of God** and trying to convince them about Jesus...

31 proclaiming **the kingdom of God** and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Acts 28:23, 31





"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach **to the end of the earth.**"

Isaiah 49:6; Acts 13:47





As gospel witnesses, we are...

Mobilized by the perspective of
Jesus' return (9-11)

⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, **two men stood by them** in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "**Why do you seek the living among the dead?**"

¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, **two men stood by them** in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "...**why do you stand looking into heaven?**"

Luke 24:4-5; Acts 1:10-11



Application

Go and make disciples of Jesus through the ongoing testimony of the gospel





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“NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER.”

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— Today's Sermon ————— 2-1-26 —

"Called as Witnesses"
Acts 1:1-11 – Pastor Scott Gnuse

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As gospel witnesses, we are...

Strengthened by the _____ of Jesus' _____ (1-3)

Comforted with the _____ of Jesus' _____ (4-5)

Equipped with the _____ of Jesus' _____ (6-8)

Mobilized by the _____ of Jesus' _____ (9-11)

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Growing Deeper

1. Why was it important that the disciples had sufficient proof that Jesus was really alive? What difference does that make to our gospel witness as Christians?
2. Do you believe it is the responsibility of every Christian to serve as a witness for Jesus? Why or why not? What other Scriptures support your answer?
3. How is every aspect of your life an opportunity to give witness to the gospel? What about when you are sick? How about when you are suffering? Consider what it means for your life to be built around the mission of Jesus.

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 02/01 by reading Acts 1:12-26

Prayer Prompt: Almighty God, thank You for the undeserved privilege of serving as one of Your gospel witnesses in this world. Help me to reorient all my life around the ongoing mission and work of Jesus. May Your Spirit strengthen and sustain me as I seek to proclaim the good news of the gospel to my unbelieving friends and family. Amen.

Reaching Farther

Family: As a family, talk with your kids about the nature of a witness. Help them see how we ask for people to be witnesses to important events so that we can know the facts and draw the right conclusions. Then explain what it means that we are witnesses for Jesus, even if we did not personally see the things He did or hear the things He taught. Help them understand that our testimony about Jesus is still reliable because the Bible is true and reliable.

Outreach: Begin a regular habit of praying for the three individuals in your sphere of influence who do not know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Additionally, begin looking at all areas of your life and consider how you can serve as a better gospel witness in each area (i.e. marriage, parenting, job, health, school, etc.).