

Acts  
You Shall Be My Witnesses  
Acts 28:16-31

- I. Beginning in Jerusalem (Luke 24:46-53; Acts 1:6-11)
  - Also note Acts 1:1-5 for Luke's purpose and emphasis in writing
  
- II. To the Remotest Part of the Earth (Acts 28:16; Colossians 1:5-6)
  - ...the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth.... (Colossians 1:5-6)
  
- III. Profile of a Witness
  - A. Persistent (17, 30)
  - B. Purposeful (17, 24-29)
  - C. Passionate (20)
  - D. Proclamatory (23, 31)
    - Illustration (Fell in love with Lauren and couldn't stop talking about her)
    - Where do we stand with Jesus Christ?
      - His Historical and Cultural Importance and Influence
      - Awesome power and position (Colossians 1:15-20)
      - Grace and truth (John 1:14; 4:13-14, 28-30, 39)
      - Reality of where things stand is found in John 3:36 (NET) - The one who believes in the Son has eternal life. The one who rejects the Son will not see life, but God's wrath remains on him.
  
- IV. Onward in 2015

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Go Forward

*Know:* Take time to take stock. What does your life as Jesus Christ's witness look like? Make an honest evaluation of your persistence, purposefulness, passion and proclamation as a witness. In what area(s) does God have the most work to do in your life?

*Grow:* Pray. Press in to the Lord. Spend time learning about Jesus' example as a witness as recorded in the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). Reflect on Paul's example as a witness as seen in the passage from today's sermon and other parts of the book of Acts.

*Show:* Share your learnings from the *Know* and *Grow* sections above with someone you trust. Make a point to try to find someone in the FBC body with whom you can share. Perhaps you can do this with others in a group you're a part of here. Challenge one another to submit to God's work in your lives in these areas.