SERMON OUTLINE

Ready to Share our Faith

- I. The <u>Holy Spirit empowers</u> us to share the gospel.
 - A. Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit's power to share our faith (Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:5, 8).
 - B. The early church shared boldly in the Spirit's power.
 - 1. The Holy Spirit was given on the Day of Pentecost and many believed in Christ (Acts 2:1-4, 40-41, 47b).
 - When we share our faith, the Holy Spirit involves us in "greater works" than Jesus (John 14:12; 16:7-11; 2 Corinthians 4:7).
 - 2. The church shared boldly and prayed for boldness when persecuted (Acts 4).
- II. We must be <u>personally prepare</u> to share the gospel.
 - A. Rely fully on God through prayer Pray and ask others to pray for effectiveness in evangelism.
 - For boldness (Acts 4:29; Ephesians 6:19-20)
 - For opportunity (Colossians 4:2-3)
 - For clarity (Colossians 4: 4)
 - B. Relate graciously to unbelievers (Colossians 4:4-6; 2 Peter 3:15).
 - Do I have unbelieving friends or have I become isolated spiritually?
 - Does my life make the gospel appealing to unbelievers who know me?
 - Am I gracious in how I talk and relate to all?
 - Do I share with a humble and sincere attitude?

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