

# THE SPIRIT GIVES WITNESS

SEGMENT 13

## SYNOPSIS

*"We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit that God has given to those who obey him" - Acts 5:32*

The Holy Spirit gives witness to Jesus. We are not able to fully understand who Jesus is on our own strength, intellect, and power. The Holy Spirit aids us in moving from our limited intellectual perception of who Christ is and what he has done for us to a life-changing understanding of Christ. It is also the Holy Spirit that inspires us to give witness to Christ by our words and actions. This segment will look at how we are best able to cooperate with the Holy Spirit so that we may see Jesus as he is and give witness to him.

## DISCUSSION

1. Reflect on occasions where you understood more profoundly and personally who Jesus is. Discuss how you were able to see the Holy Spirit working.
2. What are your concerns or anxieties about sharing your faith?
3. Discuss the kerygma and share your experience of each element: God's love, that we are sinners, that Jesus came to rescue us, and the personal choice to follow him.

HE WILL  
TESTIFY  
JOHN 15:26

## REFLECTION

Come Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit desires to reveal Jesus to us. Take some time in prayer and ask the Spirit to enlighten your mind and heart to Jesus' presence. What does Christ speak to you? What image of Jesus comes to mind?

Also ask the Holy Spirit to provide you with an opportunity to talk about the Lord to someone within the next five days. Pray for a sensitivity to this and be open to the Holy Spirit providing this opportunity.



**"EVANGELIZATION IS NEVER POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT... IT MUST BE SAID THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE EVANGELIZER."**

- POPE PAUL VI -  
- EVANGELII NUNTIANDI #75 -

## KEY TEXTS

**JOHN 15:26** *"When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."*

**ACTS 5:27-32** *"When they had brought them in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, 'We gave you strict orders [did we not?] to stop teaching in that name. Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us.' But Peter and the apostles said in reply, 'We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit that God has given to those who obey him.'"*