

SERMON NOTES  
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*Witness Prep 101*  
*Mark 15-16*

The revolution we call Christianity has never been a product of theological debate, of moral imposition, nor of political victories. It has always and only been a result of ordinary witnesses telling what they have \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>40</sup>There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. <sup>41</sup>When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem. (Mark 15:40-41)*

Being a witness for Christ means being seen by others as a \_\_\_\_\_, risking anything in order to walk more closely with Him.

*<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" (Mark 16:1-3)*

Choosing to be a witness for Christ means choosing to walk in \_\_\_\_\_ with others who have chosen likewise.

*<sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. (Mark 16:4-8)*

When God gives us an assignment to tell what we have seen and heard, fear is a natural response. And then \_\_\_\_\_.