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**Message Series:** 2024: Living Out the Light; Flowing Living Water

**Today's Message:** Being A Witness... With Contentment

### 1. Learn Contentment

Philippians 4:11

Philippians 1:20

1) "I have learned to be content in whatever I have."

\* It's for better to have the mind of Christ than all genius in the world.

1) Contentment is not natural—greed is: weeds grow naturally; it's natural to gripe and complain.

2) "I have learned": Paul didn't always have this; God nudges us to grow—but often brings us to "crisis" so we will fully surrender.

### 2. Being A Witness

1) God's Promise to Change Us!

John 7:37-39

\* Our inability to do this becomes an advantage when we pray: connecting our need to His Promises.

2) **Acts: A Story of Grace**

Acts 1:8

\* God promises His grace and His power—empowering them / us to testify to His Loving Transformation.

Isaiah 43:10, 11

**TRUTH:** In Acts the Gospel spends powerfully - not thru human strength BUT thru weakness, opposition, and persecution.

3) Witnessing is one hungry beggar eagerly eating the Bread of Life - being changed by it - and then telling others to eat the same Bread!

John 6:33-35

John 6:40, 51, 61, 63, 66

### 3. Be Zealous

⇒ "May Thy rich grace impart, Strength to my fainting heart, My zeal inspire, As Thou hast died for me.

O may my love to Thee, Pure, warm and change less be, A living fire." ~Palmer

Psalm 69:1, 2, 7-9

2 Peter 1:1-4, 13

Revelation 3:15-17, 19