"Confident Witnesses"

- I. Confident witnesses share about <u>Jesus</u> (v. 1-4)
 - A. Their witness irritated those who rejected Jesus
 - B. Their witness resulted in explosive church growth

"And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:47)

- C. Their witness led to their arrest
- II. Confident witnesses are filled with the <u>Holy Spirit</u> (v. 5-8)
 - A. Spirit filled witnesses are <u>controlled</u> by the Holy Spirit
 - B. Spirit filled witnesses are <u>empowered</u> by the Holy Spirit

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses." (Acts 1:8a)

C. Spirit filled witnesses are inspired by the Holy Spirit

"When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say." (Luke 12:11-12)

- III. Confident witnesses know the message
 - A. They know that Jesus Christ is risen
 - B. They know that Jesus Christ fulfilled prophecy
 - C. They know that Jesus Christ does miracles

"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (John 14:12)

D. They know that Jesus Christ is the only way to be saved

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

- IV. Confident witnesses have <u>spent time</u> with Jesus
 - A. They showed great <u>courage</u>

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." (Acts 4:31)

- B. They provided undeniable evidence
- C. They faced pressure to stop their <u>witness</u>

- V. Confident witnesses continue despite <u>opposition</u>
 - A. They chose to <u>obey God</u> no matter the result
 - B. They could not stop <u>sharing</u> about Jesus
 - C. They brought praise to God