

## **Unafraid Witnesses**

### **Acts 1:6-11 – Pastor Todd Dugard // April 23, 2017**

#### *Open Up*

- *Do you consider yourself to be a bold or timid person? What story supports this view of yourself? Is there anything you admire about people who speak or act boldly?*

#### *Dig In*

**Paul asked the Romans to join his struggle by praying for him (Romans 15:30-31).**

- Do you think being a witness is meant to be easy? Why do Christians face resistance when they share their faith boldly?
- How does prayer connect us to those who struggle for the sake of the Gospel? Have you joined any of our partners in the struggle by committing to pray? How might connecting with one ministry leader in particular affect the way you pray?

**Paul asked the Ephesians to pray that the right words would be given to him when he proclaimed the Gospel (Ephesians 6:19-20).**

- Have you ever asked others to pray that you would have the right words when sharing the gospel? How might enlisting people to pray for you increase your boldness in sharing good news?
- *What fears do people associate with sharing their faith? Do you think you hold back from sharing in any way because of fear? How can we take weekly or daily steps to overcome those fears?*

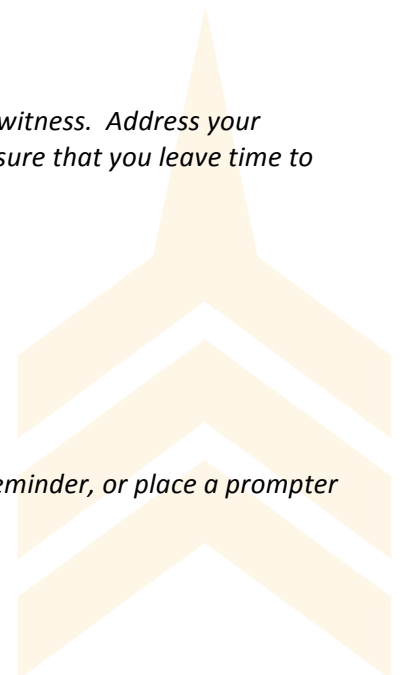
#### *Break Out*

*Fear of repercussions and lack of conviction will affect anyone's ability to be a bold witness. Address your fears/doubts as matter of prayer. Then take time for pray for our ministries. Make sure that you leave time to intercede for two or three ministries specifically.*

***Intercession (Continues on to second page)***

***How do you pray for our partners?***

- *Be informed – don't pray ignorantly.*
- *Be specific – pray for known needs and people you've met*
- *Be faithful – pray regularly, pick a time of day, or a day of the week, set a reminder, or place a prompter in your room, office or on your fridge*
- *Be in touch – write prayers of encouragement to the people you pray for.*



*Any of our partners would be grateful if your group committed to pray for them specifically in 2017. If you decide to do this, please contact them ministry and let them know they have your committed prayer support.*

**Pregnancy Resource Centre (Kathy Pedersen)**

Watch this: <https://vimeo.com/164111087>

**Active Military Chaplain Left Tenant Darren Milley**

**Military Christian Fellowship (Colonel (Ret) Gerry Potter)**

*Since its inception, the mission of the MCF of Canada has been to take the Good News of Jesus Christ to the military community in Canada and abroad. The MCF is interdenominational, and is composed of serving and retired military members of all ranks, civilian employees of the Department of National Defence, their respective families and other interested persons who subscribe to the MCF basis of belief, vision, mission, and values system. As Christians in the MCF, no matter what our rank or position, we are uniquely placed to reach the military community and help them discover Jesus Christ and His Good News. It is a great challenge, a special ministry, and a high calling that we accept by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**Foodbank (Peter Sundborg & Team)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14brkjiV4>

**Children of Promise (Dayo & Tina Idowu)**

*CHIPROM strongly believes that every child deserves the right to live in a secure and loving home. Our environment is not only changing, but it thrives on our compassion and drive. Even though we work tirelessly with many disadvantaged, displaced and orphaned children, it is still very important that we continue to reach other children that may need our help.*

**The Cove Youth Initiative (Selina Frechette)**

*The Cove was created to provide comprehensive counseling and educational programs that engage teens and parents in dialogue, assessment, counseling, crisis intervention, mentoring and referrals. We help teens acquire the skills and knowledge to advance their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health. The Cove demonstrates the highest level of professional expertise and standards of therapeutic practice, leading to innovative approaches that encourage resilience, wholeness, and peace to teens.*

**Harvest Bible Fellowship & Church Plants in Cameroon (Bamenda, Duoala, Yaounde)**

*Pray for the growth of the disciples, maturity in the leadership, and effectiveness in training.*

**Heritage College & Seminary (Dr. Rick Reed, Faculty, Staff and Students)**

*Heritage College & Seminary is committed to delivering excellence in Christian Higher Education through its innovative programming, rich campus life and modern facilities.*

