

## God's word

### Called to witness

Jesus commissioned His early followers, and those who would come after them, with power and clear purpose. They were to be His witness of the truth. As parents, we need to demonstrate by example that being a witness is more about who we are than what we do. As witnesses, we are intentional ... purposeful in how we act, in what we say, and in how we live our daily lives. Living with direction enables us to streamline our lives as our family seeks to live out our witness for all to see.



### Acts 1:8 (NIV)

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

## Study it

Following Jesus often costs something. The apostles' witness in Jerusalem, even in the face of persecution and opposition, established the profound value of following Jesus. Read Acts 5:17–41 together. How did the apostles bear witness? What price did the apostles pay for their faithfulness to God's purpose for their lives?

## Experience it

- ▶ Write a family creed, declaring who you are, what you live for, and what your life is about. Read it together. Have all the members of your family sign and date it. As you live each day, use your family creed to filter life decisions and daily activities.
- ▶ Trace around your feet. On the footprints, list places you go during the week where you could be a witness for Jesus through your words and actions. Compare lists.

## Discuss it

- 1 In what ways could it cost our family if we fully embraced God's global purposes?
- 2 How does living intentionally for God affect our family witness?
- 3 What is the value of letting some things go in pursuit of greater things?

## Map it

Hang your family creed near your world map. Pray for your family to be committed to God's global purposes and the role He has for each of you in His Story.