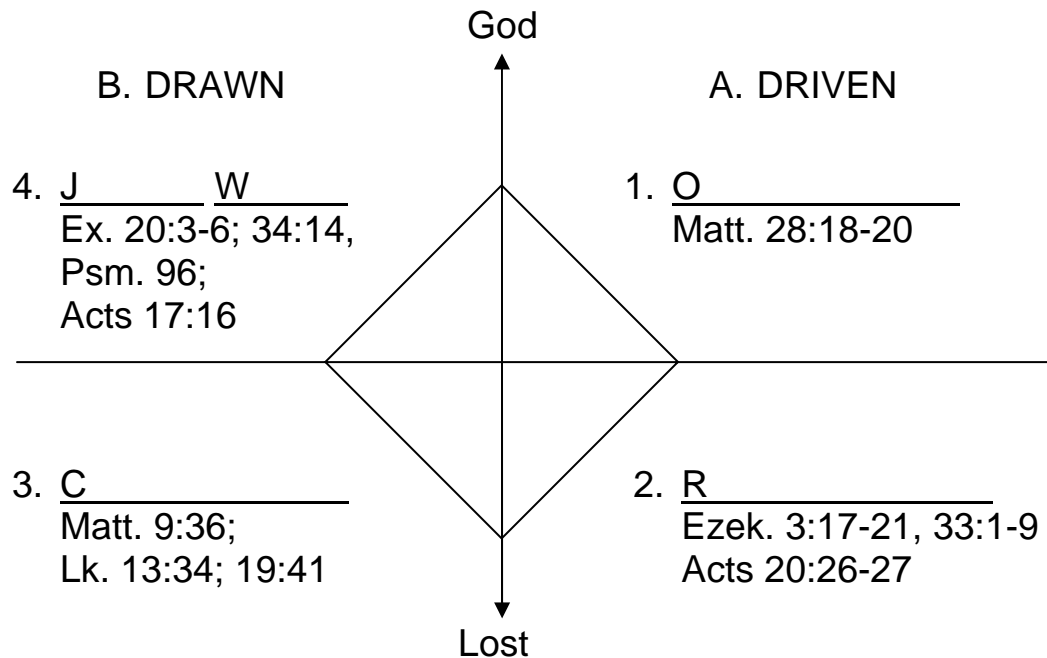


WHAT MAKES YOU WITNESS? (Part 1)

Acts 1:8

I. Why we **SHOULD** witness



II. Why we **DON'T** witness

Many reasons. A few of the most prominent:

A. Gospel is not “good news” to us!

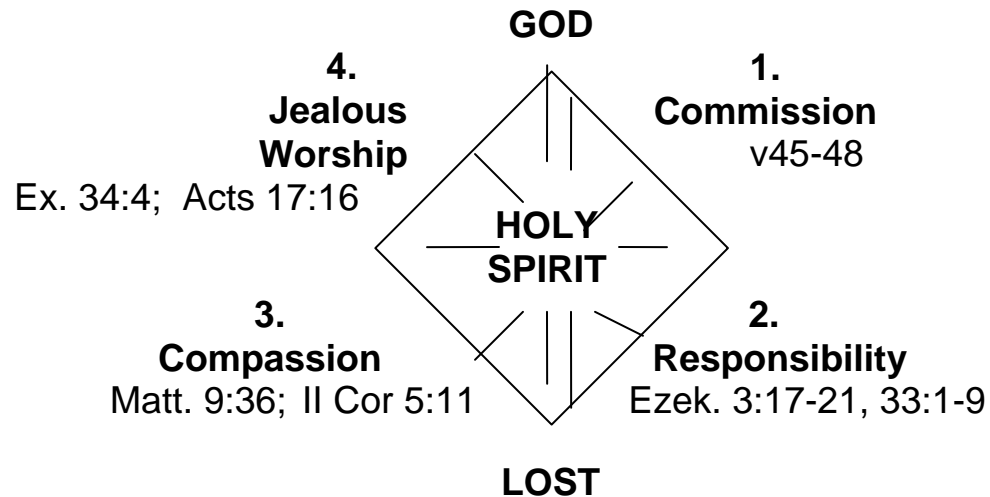
B. Fear

C. No faith that people will come to Christ thru us

D. “No opportunities” because we do not hang around non-Christians

III. Why we **DO** witness: **Acts 1:8**

→ **2:1-13** → cowardly Peter evangelizes thousands!
(note vv23, 38, 40 → 41!)



Acts 1:8 → ch 2: Peter!

Spirit transforms the command-laws ___ us to become the organic laws ___ us. The laws of our being so we can't help but speaking of what Jesus has done for and in us (Acts 4:20)

He is the **flame** that lights the fuel of the motives in I. ←
(Remember our 25th year Vision)

- A. Gospel becomes **good** news to us (Acts 2:38)
- B. Fear is overcome (Acts 4:13-22; 23-31)
- C. Confidence in the power of the Gospel (Acts 2:47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:1, 7; 9:31, 35, 42; 11:21, 24; 12:24; 13:48-9; 14:1, 21; 16:5; 17:12; 19:20; etc. Romans 1:16-17)
- D. We want to be with unbelievers to share the good news with them (Acts 8:1-4)

So we need to seek the renewing power of the Spirit to come upon us:
Luke 11:13 → Acts 1:4-5, 8 → 14 → 2:4
But then 4:24-30. Result: v31!

A passion for **evangelism** and a passion for **missions** must always go together