

# *My Witnesses*



*God's Heart for People*

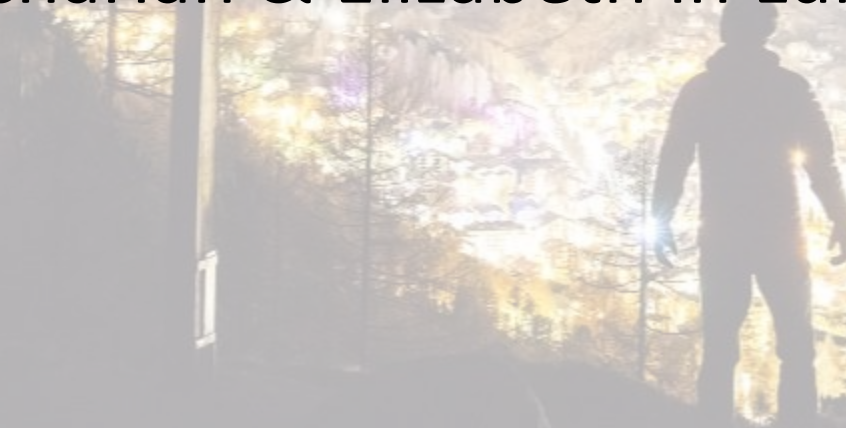


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John 1:6-8 “There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.”

## **1. Sent By God**

- see Zechariah & Elizabeth in Luke 1





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## 2. Came as a Witness

- testify – 14 times in the gospel 'witness'
- point to Jesus as the promised one

a) John clear on His role

-1:19-20 Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."



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- 3:28,30 “You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.’”
  - “He must become greater; I must become less.”

## **3. So All Might Believe**

- hear, understand, respond & be saved

John 20:30-31 “Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”



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## **God's Plan Still – We are His Witnesses**

### **a) Ambassadors**

- 2 Cor. 5:18-20

### **b) Jesus Prays for those who will believe**

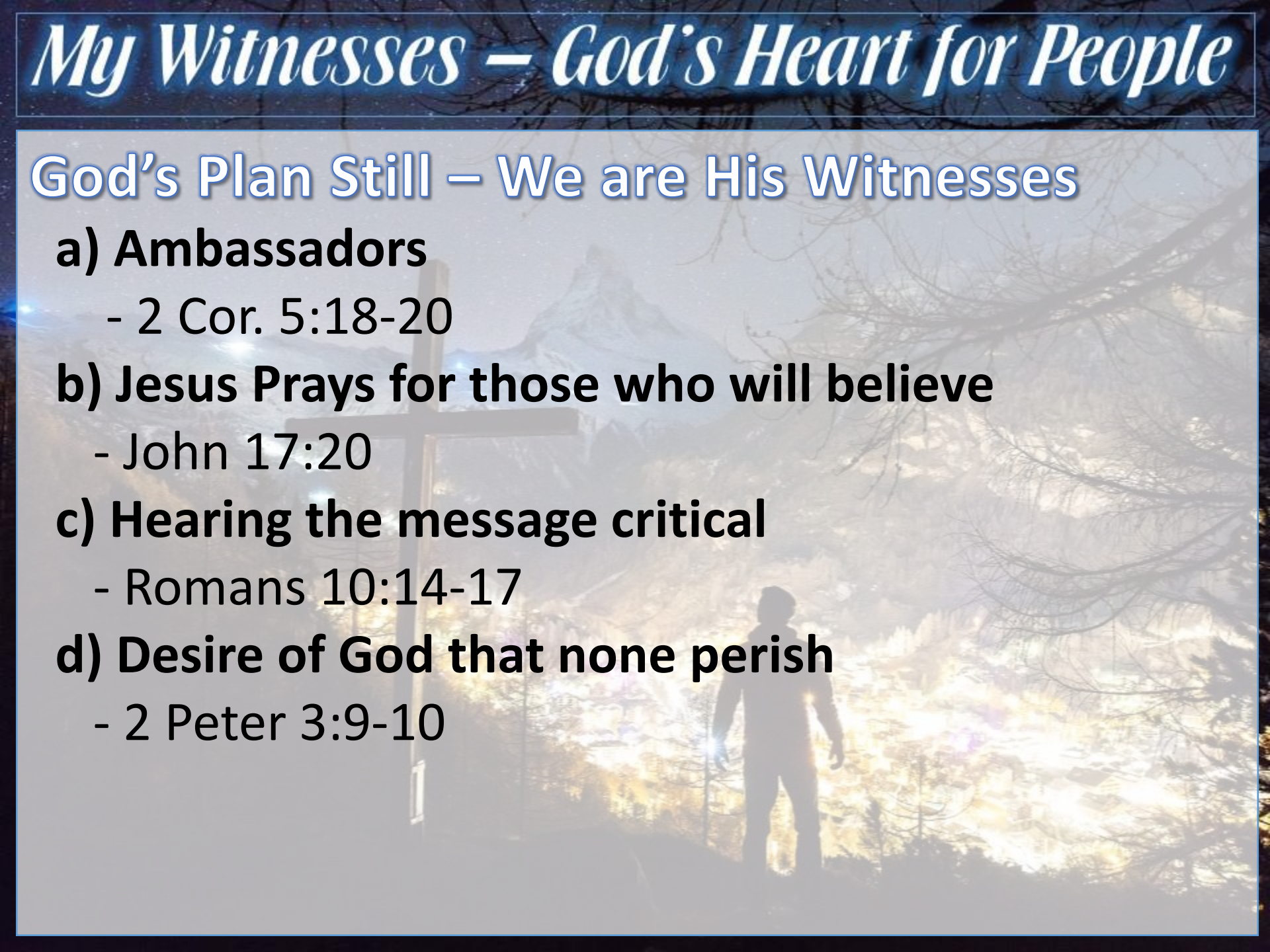
- John 17:20

### **c) Hearing the message critical**

- Romans 10:14-17

### **d) Desire of God that none perish**

- 2 Peter 3:9-10





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## **God's Plan Still – We are His Witnesses**

**e) called to give a reason for the hope**

**- 1 Peter 3:15-16**

Clear in scripture we are to bear witness, be a light in darkness, be ambassadors, represent the family of God, be known for our love, seen as transformed – God's plan





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## **So What?**

### **1. Individual Responsibility**

- know & share your God story
- understand gift and call
- willing to testify

### **2. Corporate Responsibility**

- empower calling & gifting
- train, equip, release, power of Holy Spirit
- power of together important

