

Witness Projection Program

You've all read about it in a book or seen it in a movie: the Witness Protection Program. People who have seen something terrible and helped get some particularly bad guys off the streets by their testimony are given a new identity and a new life. New names, new careers, new homes, sometimes even new faces. The idea is that this helps them feel safer about doing the right thing.

In this season between Easter and Pentecost, we want to help you take part in the Witness Projection Program. Nope, that's not a typo – I did mean "Projection" with a "j". It's a little different than the program run by the legal justice folks. People who take part in this program are given a new identity and a new life by means of their testimony. In the Witness Projection Program, people who have seen something wonderful help to get the word out on the streets, pointing their finger at a particularly good guy. As we will see by the witnesses we talk about in worship this month, they find themselves with new identities and new lives. Sometimes (as in the case of Saul who becomes Paul) they even get new names, new homes, and new careers. But always, what they have witnessed gives them the strength and the courage to step up and do the right thing, even if it is out of their comfort zone.

This is all part of our launching into our last season of emphasis from our Four Core Purposes. This season we are emphasizing Risk-taking Mission and Service. After you've listened to how the lives of those early witnesses from the book of Acts stepped up and stepped out, watch for ways that you, too, can participate in some risk-taking mission and service. We'll provide some of the opportunities (and God will certainly provide more). You provide the witness by how you respond.

Come on, join the Witness Projection Program – I dare you!