

“Faithful Witness”

Discipleship For Today, Part 15

Revelation 10:1-11:13

June 6, 2010

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... of our prophetic calling

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... to proclaim repentance

Put on sackcloth, O priests, and mourn (Joel 1:13)

... to embrace repentance

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... we are empowered by the Spirit

“These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain ... (Rev. 11:6)

As a church we are reminded...

... of the need for courage

the Beast that comes from the Abyss will attack them, overpower and kill them ... (Rev. 11:7)

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