

## **The Power Within**

Luke 24:49

“I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

3 thoughts here: 1. There is a promise to claim, 2. a command to follow, 3. a power to experience.

### **1. A Promise to Claim**

Jesus is referring to the Holy Spirit:

**1. Who He is...Third Person of the Trinity, who can be grieved (Isa 63:10), sinned against or blasphemed (Matt12:31), lied to (Acts 5:3...Ananias), grieved (Eph 4:30) and put out His fire (1Thess 5:19)**

**2. What He Does:** He Gives Life John 6:63, Romans 8:11...there are about 50 things...basically, He:

**Convicts** the Sinner of Sin John 16:8

**Draws** the Sinner to the Savior John 6:44

**Comforts** the Believer John 14:15, Acts 9:31

**Exalts** Christ John 15:26

Converts and **baptizes** the Believer 1 Cor 12:13

**Indwells** Believer John 14:17

**Gives gifts** to the Believer 1 Cor 12:6

**Fills** the believer Eph 5:18

**Anoints and empowers** the believer in service 1 John 2:27, 2Peter 1:21

**Teaches** the believer...insight and memory Luke 12:12, 1Cor 2:13

**Leads** the believer... Paul, Acts 16:6

**Assures and confirms** us of our salvation, Romans 8:16

### **2. A Command to Follow**

‘stay in the city’...specifically referring to the Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost, the emphasis and application here is to only do what God calls and is leading you to do, in His power, with His presence and in His time.

We have the problem of doing things in our strength, with our passion and in our timing. Though what we may want to do, may be indeed, ultimately what the Lord

wants, if it's not in His strength, His power and in His timing, we are bound to fall flat on our faces. **Example of Moses in Egypt.**

**Principles to consider:**

- 1. God made you just like you are for a purpose.**
- 2. Never rely solely on your 'soulish' energy to accomplish His will for your life.**
- 3. Lean upon yourself, and you will get only what you can do; lean upon the Father, and get what He will give to you.**
- 4. Cultivate the discipline of 'waiting on God.' This does not mean you don't live, but you make decisions with complete sensitivity to the Spirit.**

### **3. A Power to Experience**

**Five Continual Experiences for the believer:**

- 1. Conviction Power...you will become broken over your sin.**
- 2. Conversion Power...you will be redeemed by His blood.**
- 3. Compassion Power...you will care about what He cares about.**
- 4. Connection Power...you will want to identify with what God is doing**
- 5. Compliance Power...you will submit with expectation to doing what the Lord wants you to do in His strength.**