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Sermon Series



Part 4

**“The Source of
Power”**



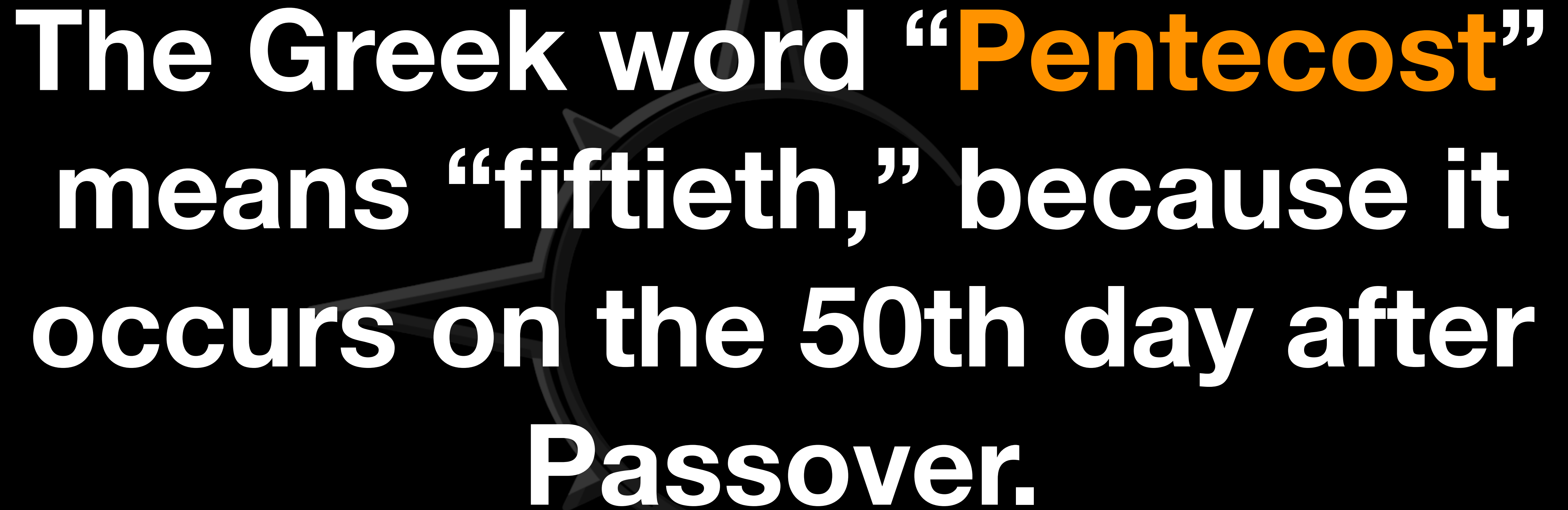
SHAVUOT:

**The Feast of the
Source**



Leviticus 23:15–16 (ESV)

You shall count seven full weeks... then you shall present a grain offering of new grain to the Lord.



The Greek word “**Pentecost**”
means “fiftieth,” because it
occurs on the 50th day after
Passover.



1. A Harvest Festival

**Israel would bring offerings
from the land as a declaration:**

- **God is **the source****
- **The harvest **belongs to Him****
- **We trust **Him for provision****



**Before Pentecost was
an upper room
experience...**

It was a harvest feast.

**This is why Pentecost
carries strong themes of:**

- **Firstfruits**
- **Increase**
- **Thanksgiving**
- **Covenant Blessing**



The Spirit was
given for **harvest.**



From Sinia to Pentecost.



2. The Giving of the Torah at Sinai



**The Law, the 10
commandments, was
given roughly 3338
years ago.**



**2,000 years ago,
since the outpouring
of the Holy Spirit.**

**So for the Jews, Shavuot
became a celebration of:**

- **Covenant**
- **Divine Revelation**
- **Hearing God's Voice**
- **Becoming God's people**

Joel 2:28–30 (NLT)

The Lord's Promise of His Spirit

“Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions.

In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike.

And I will cause wonders in the heavens and on the earth— blood and fire and columns of smoke.

Joel 2:31-32 (NLT)

The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and terrible day of the Lord arrives.

But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, for some on Mount Zion in Jerusalem will escape, just as the Lord has said. These will be among the survivors whom the Lord has called.

Acts 2:1-4 (NLT)

The Holy Spirit Comes

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.

Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting.

Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.

And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.



**At Sinai, fire sat on a
mountain.**

**At Pentecost, fire sat on
PEOPLE.**



Acts 2:13 (NLT)

**But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying,
“They’re just drunk, that’s all!”**

Acts 2:14-16 (NLT)

Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, “Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this.

These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o’clock in the morning is much too early for that.

No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

Acts 2:17-18 (NLT)

‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike— and they will prophesy.

Acts 2:36-39 (NLT)

“So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”

Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

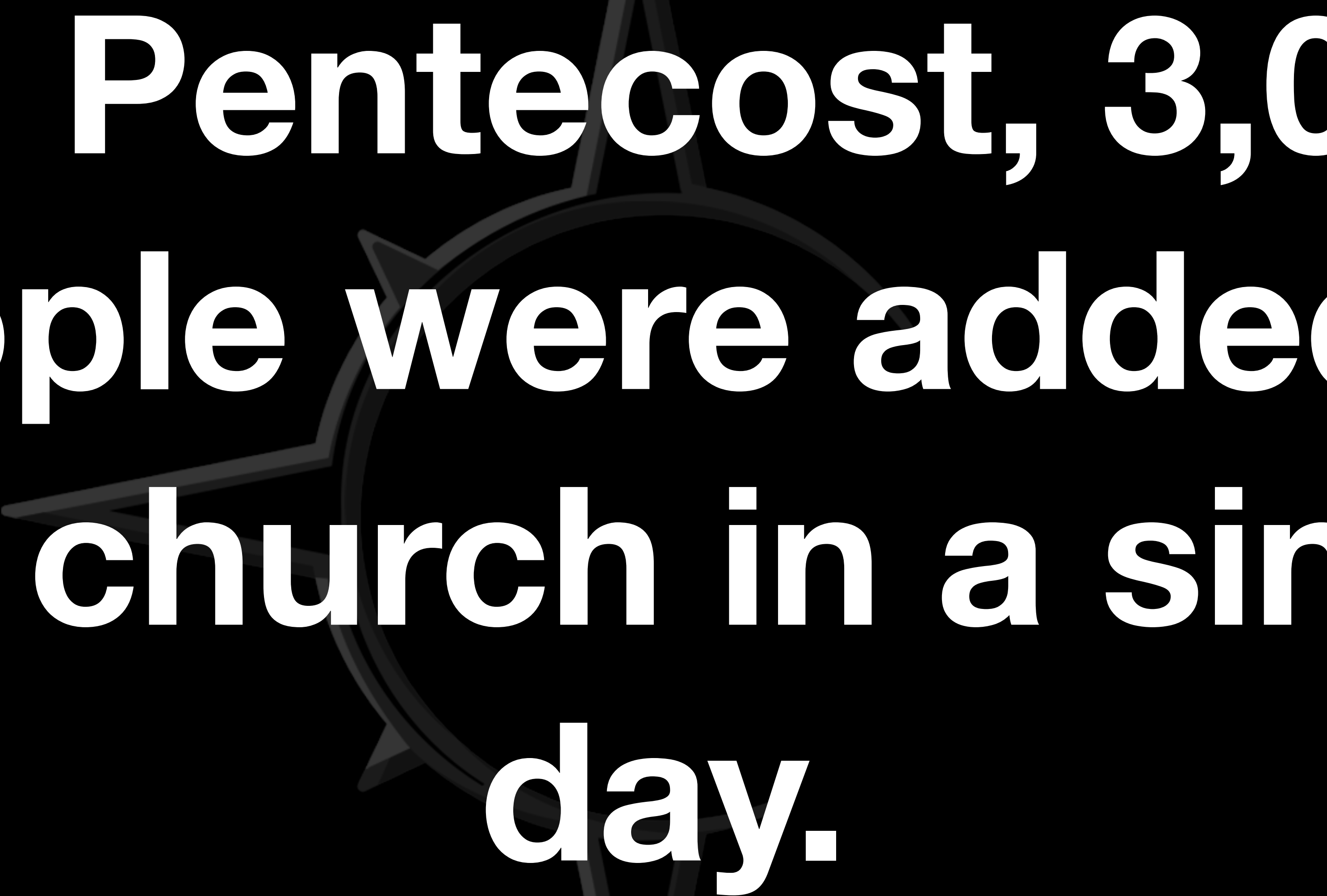
Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

Sinai → fire on the mountain, thunder, smoke, voice of God, earth shaking.

Acts 2 → tongues of fire on believers, wind, a sound from Heaven, the voice of God through His people that fills the city, and people flooding the streets.

**At Sinai, 3,000 people
died because of the
worship of the golden
calf.**



**On Pentecost, 3,000
people were added to
the church in a single
day.**



**At Sinai, God
wrote the Law on
stone.**



**At Pentecost in Acts,
the Holy Spirit writes
God's law on hearts.**

Sinai

- Law on stone
- Fire on Mountain
 - 3,000 died
- Fear Kept Distance

Pentecost

- Law on **hearts**
- **Fire** on believers
 - 3,000 saved
- Spirit brought intimacy

Jeremiah 31:33 (NLT)

“But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel after those days,” says the Lord. “I will put my instructions deep within them, and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”



Jesus **breathed**
before He **poured.**

John 20:19-23 (NLT)

...Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them!

“Peace be with you,” he said.

As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord!

Again he said, **“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”**

Then he breathed on them and said, **“Receive the Holy Spirit.**



John 20 was **impartation.**

Acts 2 was a **manifestation.**



3. A Pilgrimage Feast

God chose a feast already filled with meaning:

- **Harvest**
- **Covenant**
- **Revelation**
- **Firstfruits**
- **Gathering of the nations**

So the New Testament Pentecost becomes:

- **The firstfruits of the Church**
 - **The harvest of souls**
 - **A new covenant moment**
- **God dwelling within His people**



Torah given externally.

Spirit given internally.



Repentance
precedes
outpouring!

Matthew 4:16-17 (NLT)


The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

Repent = metanoēō = to think differently, that is, reconsider (morally to feel compunction), to *exercise* the *mind* (*observe*), that is, (figuratively) to *comprehend, heed*: — consider, perceive, think, understand.



REVIVAL is the
Repentance of the
Lost Sheep.



Revival reaches the Lost Sheep

1. Those who have left the Truth and the Church
2. Those who left the Truth but stayed in the Church (**False Doctrines**).
3. Those who have been driven from the Church (**church hurt, offenses, unmet expectations**) and then struggle to believe the Truth.
4. Those who have never known the Truth and turn to Life in Christ.

Revival = anapsuxis
= *recovery of breath,*
to relieve, to refresh.



**Where there is
Revival, there is also
Outpouring!**



John the Baptist

Matthew 3:1-3 (KJV)

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.


Matthew 10:5-8 (KJV)

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not:**

But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.



The Source of Power

Power to:

- Witness
- Overcome sin
 - Heal
 - Endure
- Speak truth
- Love enemies
- Become transformed