

Holy Spirit, Part 5 – Power
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Introduction

- If we ever feel hopeless, like we're sitting on the sidelines watching our own lives, today is the last day. There is Holy Spirit power available to us.

Acts 1:4-8 [NIV]

⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with[a] water, but in a few days you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit."

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Matthew 3:11 [NIV]

¹¹ "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

- I baptize you with water ...but he that cometh after me is mightier than I... he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:
 - Fire – God's presence (Moses), Purity (purify our hearts), Passion (Jeremiah)

Acts 1:8 [NIV]

⁸ But you shall receive Power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

- Write in your bible...memorize... get gangster with it.
- Power
 - The ability to do something
 - Dunamus- force- miraculous power---dynamite---explosive power.
 - Blow up stuff in the kingdom...blow up depression, suicide, addiction, sadness.
 - Marvel at the power of the Holy Spirit.

Things to know about the Power of the Holy Spirit

- It will give us the ability to sustain. The ability to break free & stay free.
- It will enable us to live sober and free lives.
- It takes that same power to stay free.
 - We can be tempted, we must be wise enough to know that its poison.
 - Lean on the power of Holy Spirit to be like fire, to access that passion, to say no thank you.
- It will give you the ability to cope (deal effectively with something difficult).

No earthly power can support us like the Power of the Holy Spirit, only the miraculous power of God can hold us when we feel like the ground is shaking beneath us.

We may have struggles, but we cannot turn from God, we should let these things turn us to God to strengthen us.

The Holy Spirit is with us even in the midst of trouble. With the power of the Holy Spirit we have explosive power.

We can go home today and start saying No to thoughts of defeat. And if we ever get confused, our vision gets blurry, if we get afraid, or begin to doubt, just say Jesus.

Remember Acts 1:8 ...you shall receive Power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

Discussion Questions

- What are some examples of what the Holy Spirit can do for us?
- By leaning on the power of Holy Spirit how can our lives be enriched?
- What earthly powers can support us like the Power of the Holy Spirit?
- When do we receive the Power of God?