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### "8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..." Acts 1:9, NIV

### Is anyone looking for the unplanned, the unscheduled, the uncontrolled work of the Spirit of God?

### Our assignment is to invade the impossible those things that cannot be accomplished without God.

### IT'S POSSIBLE TO BE DRAWN TO JESUS THEMED EXPERIENCES, BUT NOT JESUS HIMSELF.

"19 THE ACTS OF THE FLESH ARE OBVIOUS: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY AND DEBAUCHERY; 20 IDOLATRY AND WITCHCRAFT, HATRED, DISCORD, JEALOUSY, FITS OF RAGE, SELFISH AMBITION, DISSENSIONS, FACTIONS 21 AND ENVY; DRUNKENNESS, ORGIES, AND THE LIKE. WARN YOU, AS I DID BEFORE, THAT THOSE WHO LIVE LIKE THIS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD." GALATIANS 5:19-21, NIV

### THE SUM AND SUBSTANCE OF SATAN'S WORK IS TO KEEP YOU OUT OF THE KINGDOM.

""4 THE GOD OF THIS AGE HAS BLINDED THE MINDS OF UNBELIEVERS, SO THAT THEY CANNOT SEE THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL THAT DISPLAYS THE GLORY OF CHRIST, WHO IS THE IMAGE OF GOD. 5 FOR WHAT WE <u>preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and</u> ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who SAID, "LET LIGHT SHINE OUT OF DARKNESS," [A] MADE HIS LIGHT SHINE IN OUR HEARTS TO GIVE US THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S GLORY DISPLAYED IN THE FACE OF CHRIST." 2 Corinthians 4:4-6, NIV

### The devil's playground are not the culture war battles of the day. It is our spiritual complacency and our broken desires – all of which the Holy Spirit wars against, provided we remain open to his work.

16 "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? 17 <u>F ANYONE DESTROYS GOD'S TEMPLE, GOD WILL DESTROY</u> THAT PERSON; FOR GOD'S TEMPLE IS SACRED, AND YOU TOGETHER ARE THAT TEMPLE." 1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17, NIV

### The true power and movement of the Holy Spirit is that He dwells in His temple – us - and this is our surest defense in spiritual warfare.

# RUACH

### Ruach, when connected to God, describes the Holy Spirit, who is the invisible, personal presence of God in our midst, giving us life.

"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind CAME FROM HEAVEN AND FILLED THE WHOLE HOUSE WHERE THEY WERE SITTING. 3 THEY SAW WHAT SEEMED TO BE TONGUES OF FIRE THAT SEPARATED AND CAME TO REST ON EACH OF THEM. 4 ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES [A] AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED THEM." Acts 2:1-4, NIV

DANCH ROUS SPIRIT

### "42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common." Acts 2:42-44, NIV

### Acts 2 is the vision of the church that is and the vision of what the church should be.

### We are the Acts chapter 2 church right now! Pentecost is not an exercise for us to observe. It is s an experience to be lived!

## THE HOLY SPIRIT DEMONSTRATES HIS PRESENCE AND POWER, AND THAT POWER IS IN ALL US WHO BELIEVE.

### "AND PRAY IN THE SPIRIT ON ALL OCCASIONS WITH ALL KINDS OF PRAYERS AND REQUESTS. WITH THIS IN MIND, BE ALERT AND ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING FOR ALL THE LORD'S PEOPLE." EPHESIANS 6:18, NIV

### IF WE ARE TO LEAVE THE RHETORIC AND STEP INTO THE REALITY, IF WE ARE TO BE SPIRIT-FILLED PEOPLE WHO CAN LIVE OUT THE REALITY OF SPIRIT-FILLED LIVES, ME HAS TO TURN INTO US.

12 "JUST AS A BODY, THOUGH ONE, HAS MANY PARTS, BUT ALL ITS MANY PARTS FORM ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST. 13 FOR WE WERE ALL BAPTIZED BY [C] ONE Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 Even so the body is not MADE UP OF ONE PART BUT OF MANY. <u>15 Now if the foot should say, "Because I</u> AM NOT A HAND, I DO NOT BELONG TO THE BODY," IT WOULD NOT FOR THAT REASON stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not AN EYE, I DO NOT BELONG TO THE BODY," IT WOULD NOT FOR THAT REASON STOP BEING PART OF THE BODY. 17 IF THE WHOLE BODY WERE AN EYE, WHERE WOULD THE SENSE OF HEARING BE? IF THE WHOLE BODY WERE AN EAR, WHERE WOULD THE SENSE OF SMELL BE?"

18 BUT IN FACT GOD HAS PLACED THE PARTS IN THE BODY, EVERY ONE OF THEM, JUST AS HE WANTED THEM TO BE. 19 IF THEY WERE ALL ONE PART, WHERE WOULD THE BODY BE? 20 AS IT IS, THERE ARE MANY PARTS, BUT ONE BODY. 21 THE EYE CANNOT SAY TO THE HAND, "I DON'T NEED YOU!" AND THE HEAD CANNOT SAY TO THE FEET, "I DON'T NEED YOU!" 22 ON THE CONTRARY, THOSE PARTS OF THE BODY THAT SEEM TO BE WEAKER ARE INDISPENSABLE, 23 AND THE PARTS THAT WE THINK ARE LESS HONORABLE WE TREAT WITH SPECIAL HONOR. AND THE PARTS THAT ARE UNPRESENTABLE ARE TREATED WITH SPECIAL MODESTY, 24 WHILE OUR PRESENTABLE PARTS NEED <u>no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the</u> PARTS THAT LACKED IT, 25 SO THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO DIVISION IN THE BODY, BUT THAT ITS parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part SUFFERS WITH IT; IF ONE PART IS HONORED, EVERY PART REJOICES WITH IT.27 NOW YOU ARE THE body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, NIV

# The Holy Spirit can and will fill us when we are alone, but there is a unique fullness about Spirit-filled life in community.

### IF THE GATHERING OF THE SAINTS IS WHERE GOD IS FOUND IN A PROFOUND WAY, IT'S NOT A MATTER OF HOW MUCH CHURCH DO WE NEED BUT HOW MUCH OF GOD'S PRESENCE DO WE WANT?

### Theologian A.W. Tozer puts it, "Every man is as close to God as he wants to be."

# PRAYER SACRIFICE TEACHING

## FIRST, THE DISCIPLES BECAME PEOPLE OF PRAYER AND GAVE THEMSELVES TO CALLING OUT TO GOD.

# THE LORD EMPOWERS OUR LABOR TO Make it effective.

### "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power..." 1 Corinthians 2:4, NIV

### We should rest our faith, not in our own wisdom, but on God's power.

# HELPS US IN OUR WEAKNESSES

# THE DISCIPLES ALSO BECAME PEOPLE OF SACRIFICE.

# Being willing to give up what cost us something is indeed the highest demonstration of love.

# THIRDLY, THE DISCIPLES BECAME PEOPLE OF TEACHING.

# When the Word of God is faithfully taught, the people of God will gather prayerfully.

### • Ask to be filled with the Spirit of God. - Ask God how you might sacrifice for the NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY. - Commit yourself to regularly hearing the PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD.

# Church, we must be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit!