

An Acts
Series

CHURCH ON THE MOVE

“If it’s true that the Spirit of God dwells in us and that our bodies are the Holy Spirit’s temple, then shouldn’t there be a huge difference between the person who has the Spirit of God living inside of him or her and the person who does not?”

Francis Chan

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing.”

John 6:63

“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. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the

Holy Spirit.” Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

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."

Acts 1:4-8

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: *it is to your advantage that I go away*, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”

John 16:7

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”

John 14:12

"If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95% of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy Spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 % of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference."

A.W. Tozer

Do you sense a spiritual apathy over your life?

Apathy: "indifference toward the core things that Christians should care about."

Uche Anizor

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets,
the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,
to equip the saints for the work of ministry.”

Ephesians 4:10

"See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that *turns away from the living God*. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:12-13

“But do remember, the only thing that matters is the extent to which you separate the man from the Enemy. It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effect is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing.

Murder is no better than cards if cards do the trick. Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one—the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts.”

C.S. Lewis - The Screwtape Letters

“To the angel of the church in Sardis write:
These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits
of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; *you
have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.*
Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to

die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

Revelation 3:1-3

“Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the *presence* of the Lord.”

Acts 3:19-20

“Everywhere I go I find that God’s people lack something. They are hungry for something. Their Christian experience is not all that they expected and they often have recurring defeat in their lives. Christians today are hungry for spiritual fulfillment.

**The most desperate need of the nation today is
that men and women who profess Jesus be
filled with the Holy Spirit."**

Billy Graham

**“They all joined together constantly in prayer,
along with the women and Mary the mother of
Jesus, and with his brothers.”**

Acts 1:14

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and

came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?"

Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

Acts 2:1-11

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all

the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Ephesians 3:16-19

God comes where He's wanted.

For those that are hungry:

1) Ask the Father to fill you with the Holy Spirit each day, throughout the day. He loves to give the Spirit to those who ask.

“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:13

For those that are hungry:

2) Place yourself in environments/situations where you actually need the Holy Spirit to empower you.

“Why would we need to experience the Comforter if our lives are already comfortable?”

Francis Chan

For those that are apathetic:

1) Repent & turn back to God.

“Repent therefore, and *turn back*, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

Acts 3:19-20

For those that are apathetic:

2) Place yourself around people that hunger for God.

