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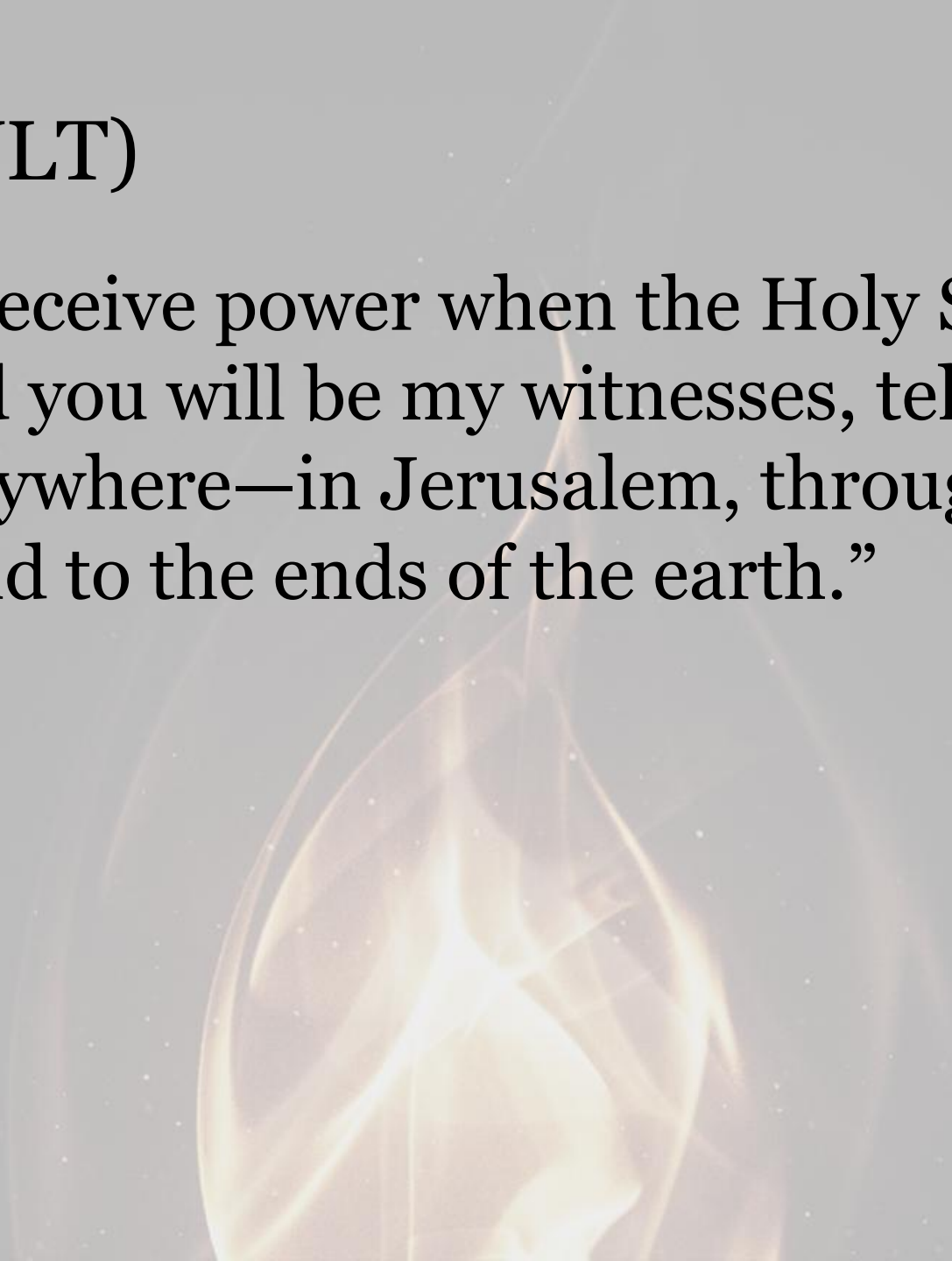


Empowered for boldness /

Empowered for action

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



The Gift of Faith

Saving Faith: “fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith” Hebrews 12:2 (NASB)

The Gift of Faith: “The same Spirit gives great faith to another” 1 Cor 12:9 (NLT)

Gift of Faith definition:

- Listed in 1 Cor 12 with the other ministerial gifts
- Not saving faith, but a supernatural confidence in God for a specific moment or mission

Examples of the Gift of Faith

- The centurion's faith:

Matthew 8:5 (NLT) *“But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed.”*

- The early church praying for Peter's release:

Acts 12:5-17 (NLT): *5 But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him.*

The gift of teaching

⁶ In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. ⁷ If your gift is serving others, serve them well. **If you are a teacher, teach well.** ⁸ If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

The gift of teaching

- Definition: The **gift of teaching** is the **Spirit-enabled ability to explain, interpret, and apply God's Word** clearly and effectively so that others understand and grow spiritually.
- **Greek word for “teach”**: *didaskō* — to instruct, explain doctrine, or impart understanding

Examples in scripture

- God has placed... teachers – 1 Cor 12:28 – teaching is a divine calling, appointed by God
 - Teaching shapes lives and doctrine - 1 Timothy 4:13, 15
 - Not many should be teachers
- “Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly” James 3:1-2 (NLT)

Boldness

- Definition: **Boldness** is the **Spirit-empowered courage to speak and act with conviction** — especially when facing fear, danger, or opposition. It is not natural confidence or personality; it is divine empowerment.
- **Greek Word:** *parrēsia* – meaning "freedom of speech, openness, fearless confidence."

Boldness after being filled with the HS

²⁹ And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness. “After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God **boldly**.”

Acts 4:29-31 (NLT)

The spirit empowers ordinary people

- Boldness seen in Peter and John:

“When they saw the **boldness** of Peter and John and realized that **they were unschooled, ordinary men**, they were astonished and took note that these men had been with Jesus.” Acts 4:13

Are you ordinary?

Call to action

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

James 1:22 (NLT)

The Book of Acts is still being written...
through us!

Response – would we ask?

Holy Spirit

- Empower my faith
 - Ignite boldness in me
 - Teach me to teach others
 - Help me move from hearing to doing
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