

Acts

OF THE APOSTLES

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First
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

A HIGHER POWER | Acts 2:1-41

“ 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.”

ACTS 1:8 (NLT)

The Power is _____.

“ 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.”

ACTS 2:1-3 (NLT)

The Power _____.

“ And everyone present was **filled with the Holy Spirit** and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. They were completely amazed. ‘How can this be?’ they exclaimed. ‘These people are all from Galilee...’”

ACTS 2:4-7 (NLT)

“ They stood there amazed and perplexed. ‘What can this mean?’ they asked each other. But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, ‘They’re just drunk, that’s all!’”

ACTS 2:12-13 (NLT)

The Power is _____.

How to Preach a Powerful Sermon:

Explain _____ happened.

“ 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.’”

ACTS 2:14-15 (NLT)

Get People’s _____.

Explain _____ it happened.

“ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the **prophet Joel**: ‘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. And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below - blood and fire and clouds of smoke. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives. But **everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**”

ACTS 2:16-21 (NLT)

Explain _____ it happened.

Talk about _____ .

“ People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed **Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him**, as you well know. But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you **nailed him to a cross and killed him**. But God released him from the horrors of death and **raised him back to life**, for death could not keep him in its grip”

ACTS 2:22-24 (NLT)

“ God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. Now he is exalted to the **place of highest honor in heaven, at God’s right hand**. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today.”

ACTS 2:32-33 (NLT)

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

ACTS 2:36 (NLT)

Explain the _____ .

Talk about _____ .

“ **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.’ Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation!’”

ACTS 2:37-40 (NLT)

So What?

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Ask, do you _____ ?

“ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day - about 3,000 in all.”

ACTS 2:41 (NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1- When was a time you felt empowered? (Like you had the power to do what you were called to do.)
- 2- When was a time you felt powerless? (With no ability to change or affect a situation)
- 3- Read Acts 2:1-7. Have you ever experienced a supernatural moment? A time where you knew God was present and moving in a time, place or situation. What happened?

- 4- Read Acts 2:12-13. When you hear of the supernatural are you ready to believe, or more skeptical by nature? What does it take to convince you?
- 5- How do you respond when you have an opportunity to share about your faith? How can relying on the Power of the Holy Spirit to change the way you approach these opportunities?
- 6- Read Acts 2:38-40. Why do you think so many people when sharing their faith stop short of asking “do you want to turn to God?” Are you ready to turn to God? Or who does God have on your heart to share your faith with?

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