

## A NEW DAY - In Power

Icebreaker: What has been the greatest demonstration of power you have witnessed?

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 15:13)*

***The power of the Holy Spirit in helping you start the Christian life...***

- ***The power of conviction (my need)*** – “When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.” (John 16:8-11)
- ***The power of convincing (my belief)*** – “When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about me.” (John 15:26)

*“I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.” (John 3:5-6)*

Give a little insight to how the Holy Spirit did this in your own journey to “start” the Christian life. If you have yet to start that journey, how might He be working now that you may have not noticed before?

***The power of the Holy Spirit in helping you live the Christian life...***

- ***Strength and encouragement (God’s empowerment)*** – “If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth.” (John 14:15-17a)

*So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. (Gal. 5:16)*

- ***Comfort and consolation (God’s presence)*** – “The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you.” (John 14:17b)
- ***Counsel and direction (God’s truth)*** – “All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” (John 14:25-26)

In living the Christian life, which of the three bullets above is the biggest need for you right now? Which have you clearly experienced in the past?

☛ ***Caution: expecting supernatural fruit while walking in natural effort*** – “Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?” (Gal. 3:3) - What “natural” thing(s) keep you from walking in the supernatural? How could you remedy that this week? Pray about that very thing.

*Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. (Gal. 5:25)*