BE FILLED ENCOUNTERING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire

Acts 1-4

Bottom Line: The greatest witnesses for Christ are common people empowered by the Spirit.

Introduction:

We live in a society filled with power-hungry people.

Many of them want power for all the wrong reasons.

Jesus tells us that His people will operate from a different kind of power, which comes from a different source (rf. Acts 1:4-8).

Truth:

When the Holy Spirit came down, the Church rose up (rf. Acts 2).

When the Church served all the people, God got all the glory (rf. Acts 3).

The power of the Spirit was evident, but it was most evident in the Apostles'

ability to face opposition. Read Acts 4:7-31.

Application & Conclusion:

When God's people seek God in prayer, make themselves available to serve, and believe for God's blessing on their endeavors, God is faithful to give them power from above. As God's people are filled with the Spirit and His power, there is a greater confidence, not in themselves, but in Christ and His Word.

They share all they've seen and heard from Christ. They stand firm on their convictions. They speak the word of God to a world that refuses to hear it.

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control (rf. 2 Timothy 1:7). With that Spirit, ordinary people can accomplish an extraordinary task. Pray that God would fill you with His Spirit to do His work boldly.

Reflection Questions:

1. What does this teach me about God?

2. What does this teach me about me?

3. How do I apply this to my life?