

**Raised for More - Power From On High**  
*Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53*

Sometimes the best place for a leader is not where the battle appears to be fiercest. This can be dangerous. Consider \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_! But often it is the most \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ place for a leader to be. Consider well known Generals like Grant and Eisenhower; the "Commander in Chief" and...\_\_\_\_\_.

Moving from the front line allows a leader to:

- See the bigger \_\_\_\_\_
- Access more \_\_\_\_\_
- Have a greater \_\_\_\_\_

Today, we are celebrating the Ascension of Christ, when Jesus left the front line to strengthen the \_\_\_\_\_.

What's the mission? "*And the \_\_\_\_\_ must first be preached to all nations.*" - Mark 13:10 "...you will be my \_\_\_\_\_" - Acts 1:8 (See also: 1 Timothy 2:1-6; 2 Peter 3:9; Matt 28:19-20; Isaiah 49:6; Rev. 7:9-12)

How does Jesus' Ascension strengthen it?

- He now sits at the Father's right hand, \_\_\_\_\_ and reigning over all things (Eph 1:20-23; Rom 8:28)
- He leaves, but sends the Holy Spirit to be even more \_\_\_\_\_ than he was before (John 14:16-18)
- God won't just be \*with\* us in the person of Jesus, but \*\_\_\_\* us in the person of the Spirit (John 14:17)
- The Holy Spirit, post-Easter, \_\_\_\_\_ disciples to be witnesses like never before

The Holy Spirit will produce:

- \_\_\_\_\_ to do what is scary
- \_\_\_\_\_ to discern the truth long concealed
- \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid comfort
- \_\_\_\_\_ to speak at the right time
- \_\_\_\_\_ to cross unbreakable barriers
- \_\_\_\_\_ to support the Body of Christ
- \_\_\_\_\_ to guide the Church in her mission

We will see this and more on full display throughout the Book of \_\_\_\_\_ which we will begin studying next week.

These things are gifts to \_\_\_\_\_ who is baptized and confesses faith in Jesus. (Acts 2:36-39; 1 Cor 12:3) But the key to seeing the Holy Spirit's power is NOT in living the "\_\_\_\_\_ Gospel" of personal fulfillment. The Holy Spirit is given to further the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ to make \_\_\_\_\_.

*Are you seeing these things active in your life?*

*If so, are you giving the Holy Spirit the credit he deserves?*

*If not, how are you allowing your sinful flesh to stifle the work of the Holy Spirit to empower WITNESSES?*

*Where is God calling you back to “the main thing”?*

*What are you going to DO about it?*