Empowered ... pt.4 September 28, 2025

"my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, <u>but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power</u> , so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the <u>power of God.</u> " ~1 Corinthians 2:4-5	
1. The Spirit doesn't just fill you—He	you to reach others.
 Acts 2:4,6,11 (ESV) And they were all filled with the other tongues (languages) as the Spirit gave them utto multitude came together, and they were bewildered, speak in his own languagewe hear them telling in o God." 	erance And at this sound the , because each one was hearing them
2. Jesus' mandate and mission is our	and co-mission.
 Luke 4:18 (ESV) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, becau (Jesus is quoting Isaiah 61, see below the fuller picture) 	
 Proclaim good news to the poor. Bind up the brokenhearted. Proclaim liberty to the captives and an opening of proclaim a year of Lord's favor, a day of vengeance. Beautiful headdress for ashes. (Heavenly perspective Oil of Joy for mourning. (New identity) Garment of praise for heaviness. (Song of Thanksgives) THEY will be called oaks of righteousnessTHEY with shall repair ruined cities —Transformed lives change 	re) ring) ill build up ancient ruins… THEY
 3. Holy Spirit empowers us as witnesses to good news. Acts 4:29 " grant to your servants to continue to speak your 	
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 1 Thessalonians 1:5 (ESV)because our gospel ca also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full col 	
5. Begin to become A.W.A.R.E. that the Father	has good works planned for

- you to walk in.
 - Ask Wait Allow Receive Engage
 - **References**: Acts 1:4,8; 4:28; Luke 11:13;
 - Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Discussion Questions

- 1. In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit empowering you to be a witness of Christ to others?
- 2. Jesus empowers us to be witnesses to **Jerusalem** (family, city, workplace) **Judea** (region, state, country) **Samaria** (people different than you culturally, disagree with) **ends of the earth** (different nations & cultures). **Which area(s) do you find yourself already engaged in being a witness to?**
- 3. Which one of the four areas above do you sense the Lord highlighting and inviting you to be a witness to?
- 4. In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit communicating with you as you step out to witness?
- 5. What are some of the hindrances that keep us from being a witness boldly proclaiming and demonstrating the Gospel?

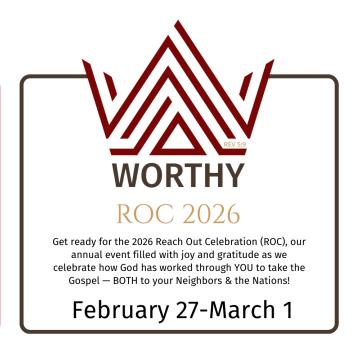
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