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## **Day 1: The Promise of Power**

**Devotional:** Before Jesus ascended, He gave His disciples a crucial instruction: wait. They had the message, they knew the teachings, but something essential was missing—power. Jesus promised that when the Holy Spirit came upon them, they would receive power to be His witnesses. The same is true for us today. We cannot fulfill our God-given purpose in our own strength, wisdom, or eloquence. We need divine power. God hasn't sent us out defenseless or ill-equipped. He offers us the Helper, the Holy Spirit, to enable us to do what we cannot do alone. Today, acknowledge your need for God's power. Ask Him to fill you afresh with His Spirit, recognizing that apart from Him, you can do nothing of eternal significance.

### **Reading:**

[Acts 1:4-8 NKJV](#)

*And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” he said, “you have heard from Me; “for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”*

*Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall received power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

**Reflection Question:** In what areas of your life are you trying to operate in your own strength rather than God's power?

## **Day 2: Faith That Moves Mountains**

**Devotional:** When the disciples couldn't cast out the demon, they asked Jesus a piercing question: "Why couldn't we?" His answer was direct: "Because of your unbelief." This story reveals a sobering truth—our lack of power often stems from our lack of faith. The disciples had been with Jesus, seen miracles, yet in this moment, unbelief prevented breakthrough. Jesus then speaks of mustard seed faith that moves mountains. Faith isn't about size; it's about substance. It grows as we feed it with God's Word, as we remember His faithfulness, and as we step out in obedience. Your faith operates proportionally—the more you believe, the more you'll see God move. Today, identify one area where unbelief has limited you, and ask God to help your unbelief.

### **Reading:**

*Matthew 17:14-21 NKJV*

*And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.”*

*Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”*

*So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. “However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”*

**Reflection Question:** What "mountain" in your life needs the prayer of faith today?

### **Day 3: Demonstration Over Declaration**

**Devotional:** Paul didn't rely on persuasive words or human wisdom when he preached the gospel. Instead, he came with demonstration of the Spirit and power. Why? So that people's faith would rest not on man's wisdom but on God's power. The world has heard enough empty words and religious platitudes. They're looking for something real, something that transforms lives. When we pray for the sick and they're healed, when we speak freedom and chains break, when we minister in love and lives change—that's when people encounter the living God. The man with an experience is never at the mercy of a man with an argument. You cannot argue someone out of what they've experienced. Today, ask God for opportunities to demonstrate His power, not just declare His truth.

#### **Reading:**

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5 NKJV*

*And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and*

*of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*

**Reflection Question:** How can you move from just talking about God's power to demonstrating it in your daily life?

## **Day 4: Growing in Spiritual Authority**

**Devotional:** Every believer has been given a measure of faith and spiritual gifts to use for God's glory. The key is that we operate these gifts "in proportion to our faith." This means your spiritual authority grows as your faith grows. You don't start by raising the dead; you start by praying for a headache. As God shows up repeatedly, your boldness increases, your expectation rises, and your faith expands. The disciples didn't become mighty apostles overnight—they grew in power as they grew in faith. Don't despise small beginnings. Celebrate every answered prayer, every small miracle, every moment God shows up. These build your confidence in His faithfulness and expand your capacity to believe for more. Today, step out in faith at your current level, trusting God will meet you there.

### **Reading:**

*Romans 12:3-8 NKJV*

*For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

**Reflection Question:** What "small step" of faith is God asking you to take today?

## Day 5: Faith Without Works Is Dead

**Devotional:** Faith that doesn't produce action is dead faith. It's not enough to believe God can heal—we must pray for the sick. It's not enough to know God provides—we must give generously. It's not enough to say we have compassion—we must serve those in need. The world doesn't need more Christian talk; it needs Christians who walk in power and love. Faith expresses itself through love and manifests in action. When we operate in God's power with genuine love for others, we become agents of transformation. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed. That same anointing rests on you. You have purpose, calling, and power. Now use it. Today, ask God to show you one specific way to put your faith into action for someone else's benefit.

### Reading:

*James 2:14-20 NKJV*

*What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

*But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?*

**Reflection Question:** Who in your life needs to see your faith demonstrated through loving action today?

**Closing Prayer:** *Father, we thank You for Your power that's available to us through the Holy Spirit. Forgive us for settling for words without power, for religion without relationship, for doctrine without demonstration. Fill us afresh with Your Spirit. Increase our faith. Give us boldness to step out and use the power*

*You've given us for Your glory and others' good. We want to be a people who don't just talk about Your power but walk in it daily. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.*