

## **We've Got the Power!**

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*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8 (ESV)*

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Somewhere amidst political correctness the church has drifted from being the daily witnesses of Jesus in fear that we might somehow offend an individual or group, but the greater tragedy is that in doing so we've offended God. When Jesus declared these words in Acts, the listeners were inspired because they knew He had endured the cross and ultimately defeated the grave. Jesus was now promising this same power; the power of the Holy Spirit which would be on them, in them, and working through them.

This power that they received on the day of Pentecost transformed these common ordinary men and women into leaders for the Gospel. The disciples, who all had originally fled, were filled with a new boldness to proclaim the Gospel even though persecution and death were pretty much certain. The Apostle Peter, known for his cowardly denials, would stand full of the Holy Spirit, with all the resurrection power of God himself, to boldly proclaim the Gospel, and three thousand were saved.

What sparked it all? Simple, their obedient prayer and waiting in the upper room for the filling of the Holy Spirit. As we pray together may we be reminded that praying in the Spirit can turn mere minutes of Gospel preaching into a tidal wave of souls for the kingdom.

*Prayer: Jesus, today in your name we pray that you would restore our boldness with the Gospel! Fill us fresh with your Spirit, and remind us that we've still got the power in the name of Jesus!*

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