



I HAVE POWER FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT!

If you've ever been in your home during an electrical blackout, you understand the difference between having *power* and going without it. Your lights, air conditioner, refrigerator, freezer, washing machine, television, computer — and dozens of other functional and entertainment gadgets — rely upon electricity to work effectively. Without power, you suddenly find yourself scrounging for candles to provide just enough light for you to uncomfortably ride out the storm. In fact, until power resumes, pretty much all you can do is wait. Just after Jesus rose from the dead, he commissioned his disciples — and us — to go into all the world and make disciples. But before they were sent out, Jesus gave them one vital charge: wait for *power*.

He told them to stay in the city until they were “clothed with power from on high” (see Luke 24:49). And indeed, when Jesus ascended, he promised the Holy Spirit’s presence would come with his power (see Acts 1:8). The word “power” means “strength or ability, especially for performing miracles.” It is his power that fills us with joy and hope (Romans 15:13), allows us to understand the depths of his love for us (Ephesians 3:14-21), gives us endurance and patience (Colossians 1:11), and that actually works miracles among us (Galatians 3:5). In fact, when Jesus healed the sick and set the captives free, it was all by the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38). It is this power he placed upon his disciples (Luke 9:1) to restore others in his name — the same power that he promised to give to *us* to go and make disciples. Without power, all we are doing is waiting out the storm. Praise God, he came not only to dwell in us but to flow out of us in profound power. Walk in it.

“But you shall *receive power* when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, *and you shall be my witnesses* in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” Acts 1:8 – Emphasis added.

“My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a *demonstration of the Spirit’s power*, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on *God’s power*” 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 – Emphasis added.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. *Do you believe that God wants the power of the Holy Spirit to flow through you? If you are struggling with this, what is your hesitation? Take some time to read through Chapters 1 and 2 of “Life in the Overflow” to see a testimony of a dearly loved son’s journey to trust the Holy Spirit’s desire for him. Let it breathe life into you!*
2. *Have you ever asked for the Holy Spirit’s power — the same power that raised Jesus from the dead — to flow through you? If not, take a few minutes to do so. Look at the passages referenced in the paragraphs above for guidance and ask for the Holy Spirit to flow through your life as he did in the Bible.*

WORSHIP RESOURCE:

*“Set me free, God, and take me higher.
O victory is the anthem that I’m singing!”*

Listen to “Holy Ghost” by The Overflow. Find more info about their album at the back of the devotional.

PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, thank you for your sweet presence in my life. I am astounded that you would delight to have your power reside in me, just as you did in the Bible. I break any limitation I have placed upon what you can do in my life, in my family, in my church or in the place I live. I break any limitation I have placed upon your power in me based on what I have seen or what makes sense to me. I want you — all of you — to flow through me. It doesn’t need to make sense. I don’t need to figure it all out. I trust you and invite your supernatural voice and power to reign through every fiber of my being. I receive all that comes with your power — your joy, your hope, your patience, your endurance, and every miraculous word and work you would have flow through me. Make me more aware of all the ways you want your power and your love to manifest through me today. Operating in your power will be my normal place of residence!

LISTENING TIME:

Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don’t rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING



TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:

Talk about everything in your house that requires power to run. Ask, “What would be the most difficult thing to live without if you no longer had electricity?” Talk about some of the ways the Holy Spirit gives us power to live for him daily. Ask, “Where do you most want to see the Holy Spirit’s power in your life?” and pray for one another.

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Read the words to the song “Holy Spirit” by Bryan and Katie Torwalt. Pray for a greater awareness of the Holy Spirit’s power in your life. Pray for opportunities to show his love and power to others this week.