

Empowering a Generation to Speak, Show, and Share God's Power by the Holy Spirit

The world has, is and always will be full of chaos and confusion, but in the midst of it people are looking to experience something real. The world is desperate to experience authentic power.

God has poured out his Spirit to this Generation

Acts 2:16-17 (KJV)

*¹⁶ But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall **prophesy**, and your young men shall see **visions**, and your old men shall **dream dreams**:*

As believers in Christ God has given us the Holy Spirit...

The Holy Spirit plays a number of roles in the Christian's life

Teacher - John 14:26

Comforter – John 14:16

Protects – Ephesians 6:17

Guides – Luke 4:1

Mark of Salvation – Ephesians 1:13

Empowers – Acts 1:8

God **empowers** us through the Holy Spirit

God's power is defined as **ability** and **authority**

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to...

Speak

- To communicate vocally
- To articulate or express the views of oneself, or represent the views of another

Show

- To cause to be seen, exhibit, display, or make visible
- To demonstrate

Share

- To give individuals access to content

It is not about representing ourselves it is all about representing the true authentic Jesus to the world

Don't try to function under your own power

1 Corinthians 4:20 (NLT)

¹⁸ Some of you have become arrogant, thinking I will not visit you again. ¹⁹ But I will come—and soon—if the Lord lets me, and then I'll find out whether these arrogant people just give pretentious speeches or whether they really have God's power. ²⁰ For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power. ²¹ Which do you choose? Should I come with a rod to punish you, or should I come with love and a gentle spirit?

The Sons of Sceva (Acts 19:13-19)

Acts 19:13-16 (KJV)

¹³ A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, "I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!" ¹⁴ Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. ¹⁵ But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, "I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?" ¹⁶ Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered.

1) They lacked true authenticity in Christ (not born-again, just copycats-fakes)

2) They lacked God's Ability and Authority (did not have the Holy Spirit)

3) They paid the price for it (publicly humiliated)

We must embrace the Person of Jesus before receiving His Power

- John 15:1 – Jesus is our source
- 2 Cor 5:17 – Jesus is our identity
- Luke 9:23 – Jesus is my focus

The Holy Spirit empowers us to be...Real, Relevant, Relatable, Relational, Revolutionary

What are we speaking?...What are we showing?...What are we sharing?

Remember... Through faith in Christ Jesus God has empowered us by the Holy Spirit to speak, show, and share his power to the world around us.

Matthew 28:19 (KJV)

¹⁸ And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

¹¹ So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing

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