

The Power of the Holy Spirit

^{NKJV} **Acts 1:7** And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. ⁸ But **ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

I

They experienced the power of expectation and anticipation.

They experienced the power of waiting.

Acts 1 The Power of waiting

The power of waiting leads to different and greater experiences.

They waited for, expected, and anticipated the promise of the Father.

Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall **renew** their strength; they shall **mount up** with wings as eagles; they shall **run**, and not be weary; and they shall **walk**, and not faint.

The Holy Ghost is the prophetic promise of the Father, and waiting for the promise is the practical response of the believer.

Acts 2 The Power of Receiving

The power of receiving is to come into possession of something.

They stayed together, and they prayed together, praying in the community.

*The cross is both vertical and horizontal. Vertically, we stand connected to God, his kingdom, eternal life, spiritual truths, divine principles, and glory. Horizontally, to our left and to our right, we exist surrounded by and revealed through community, relationships, family, culture, and society. Samuel Rodriguez
The Lamb's Agenda*

Acts 3 The Power of Demonstration

One dramatic and dynamic demonstration of the Holy Ghost can attract people.

You cannot minister to people's spiritual needs and ignore their social and economic conditions.

There's a man begging outside the prayer meeting who cannot walk.

II

They experienced the power of laying and solid foundation.

Acts 4 The Power of Prayer

Persecutors caused the arrest of the leaders.

The power of prayer causes the liberation of the oppressed.

What we need above all is a fresh outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. What we need is a prophetic movement with a sociopolitical impact rather than a political movement with spiritual threads. Samuel Rodriguez, The Lamb's Agenda

Acts 5 The Power of Judgment

The power of righteous judgment will maintain holiness and unity in the Lord's church.

John Wesley, one of the leaders of the first Great Awakening, said, "What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace."

The power of righteousness judgment in the church will expand and increase the church.

Acts 6 The Power of Leadership

The power of leadership emerges during times of crisis.

Leadership power guides people into workable and portable solutions in chaotic times.

Simply stated, a lukewarm, sin-tolerant church lacks the moral authority to speak truth to power. Samuel Rodriguez The Lamb's Agenda

III

They experienced the power of proclamation.

Acts 7 The Power of Preaching

The power of preaching will cause conviction, anger, conspiracy, and threats.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for **it is the power of God** unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

1 Corinthians 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, **it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.** ²² For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: ²³ But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; ²⁴ But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God

Don't let anyone take away your preacher.

Acts 8 The Power of Evangelism

The power of preaching will bring salvation, liberation, and demonstration.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Acts 9 The Power of Encounter

The power of an encounter brought about repentance, reversal of an agenda, and renewed and redeemed life.

An encounter is to come upon face-to-face.

An encounter is to come upon or experience especially unexpectedly.

Encounters can be intentional, occasional, or unusual.

Paul would become one of the most far-reaching proclaimers of truth.

*The balanced soul finds its home at the nexus where faith meets action,
righteousness meets justice, and the prophetic intersects with the practical.
Samuel Rodriguez The Lamb's Agenda*

Acts 10 The Power of Vision

The power of vision prepares the future in you now.

Divine vision permits you to romance your future in your now.

The power of vision will let you “*see further than you can look.*”

The power of vision will take you further than you can imagine.

Go a little further!

Go outside the line!

Go off the map! La Fayette Scales

Network of Local Churches, Inc.

Bishop La Fayette Scales

Friday, August 5, 2022

7:00 p.m.