

GO: A Life with Power

Acts 1 & 2

📖 Acts 1:8 (NIV) “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

God **keeps His promises.**

📖 Acts 1:3–5 (NIV) “After His suffering, He showed Himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

📖 Acts 2:1–3 (NIV) “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.”

God **indwells His people.**

📖 John 14:16–20 (NIV) “And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.”

📖 Acts 2:4 (NIV) “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”

📖 Acts 2:5–8, 11b–13 (NIV) “Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ...^{11b} —we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

📖 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT) “For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”

📖 1 John 4:18 (NIV) “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear...”

📖 Romans 8:31 (NIV) “What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?”

God **empowers His people.**

📖 Mark 1:16–18 (NIV) “As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed Him.”

📖 Acts 2:14–15, 22–24, 33 (NIV) “Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning!... ²² “Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through Him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put Him to death by nailing Him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised Him from the dead, freeing Him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him... ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.”

📖 Acts 2:37–41 (NIV) “When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

IMPACT

- Imitating Christ
- Meeting Needs
- **Proclaiming the Good News**
- Assimilating people into the church
- Celebrating God
- Teaching the Word of God

Spiritually speaking, which best describes your life? A rowboat or a sailboat? Are you trying to do things in your power, or are you doing things in the Spirit's power? Are you waiting for God to do something He has promised to do? Discovering that the Holy Spirit is not just an impersonal force but a divine person dwelling within you will revolutionize your life. If your understanding of the Spirit has been anything less than powerful, will you ask God to give you clarity today on how that might change?

