

# Power, Purpose, and Pentecost

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<sup>8</sup> 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.

**Acts 1:8 NIV**

*“Jesus could have fed the five thousand without the disciples, but He chose to use people and He still does.”*

-Anonymous

## 1. Jesus Made the Promise

<sup>47</sup> It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of all these things. <sup>49</sup> “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

**Luke 24:47-49 NLT**

<sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.

**Acts 2:39 NIV**

## 2. Jesus Gives the Purpose

*“The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not for the purpose of cleansing from sin, but for the purpose of empowering for service.”*

-Craig Owens

<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.

**1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 NIV**

### A.) Vocal Witness

<sup>7</sup> They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ <sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

**Acts 4:7-12 NIV**

### B.) Vital Witness

<sup>5</sup> Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

**Colossians 4:5-6 NIV**

<sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

**1 Peter 3:15-16 NIV**

### C.) Valid Witness

## 3. Jesus Wants Us to Walk in Power

*“When you strip it of everything else, Pentecost stands for power and life. That's what came into the church when the Holy Spirit came down on the day of Pentecost.”*

**-David Wilkerson**

*“Bethlehem was God with us, Calvary was God for us, and Pentecost is God in us.”*

**-Robert Baer**

