



spending time with the Holy Spirit

*what does the Holy Spirit
want to do through me?*

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Acts 1:6-7 - So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

2 Timothy 1:6-7 - For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of timidity but of power and love and self-control.

Romans 8:26-27 - Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Hebrews 4:16 - Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Corinthians 14:24-25 - But if an unbeliever or someone who does not understand comes in while everybody is prophesying, he will be convinced by all that he is a sinner and will be judged by all, and the secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

Acts 4:32-35 - Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and a great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostle's feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Acts 4:5-8 - On the next day their rulers and leaders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all were of the high priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, the inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them "Rulers of the people and elders..."

Acts 4:13 - Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 2:42-43 - And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

Discussion Questions

Can you remember a time when you needed just a little more energy or strength or skill to get something done?
How did it make you feel when you couldn't succeed?

When you read that the Holy Spirit gives Christians power, what kind of power do you think that is?

Does this give us the ability to be witnesses or make us witnesses by demonstrating that power?

How would you describe 'timidity' in faith?

What does a spirit of power and love and self-control look like?

How do these look different when done with the power of the Holy Spirit?

Prayer.

Worship.

Service.

Spreading the Gospel.

How can you see that boldness increase in your life?