

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)

Power

I want to be your witness in the world. I want to be used by you to draw others to yourself. I know that my efforts to be your witness in the world have often been powerless and feeble attempts. I know that apart from you I can do nothing of lasting and eternal value. Operating under my own power and strength will accomplish nothing. I know where the problem has been in the past. I have neither waited for or relied on your power to accomplish your purposes and fulfill your plans. I am very tired of living a fruitless life. I have had enough of rushing off to take on your assignments by myself. I don't want any more of that. **That's good.**

So, what will you do differently now that you have realized that your efforts alone will never be enough to go and do my will? I will wait for and rely on your power. I will meet with you in prayer. I will ask for your help. I will receive your instruction and follow your guidance. That does not mean that I will sit around forever. I know that there is a time to wait and a time to move out. I will wait for your green light. When you say wait, I will wait. When you say go, I will go. It seems to me that there is a time of waiting and a time to take that faith filled first step. I will follow your timing rather than my own. I will take my first and every step with you. I want you to lead me. I want you to guide. I want you to direct my efforts. **That will be very good.**

Your power does seem to come with that faith filled first step. **You've noticed?** Yes, I have noticed that your power does not come to those who rush off without you. Yes, I have noticed that your power does not come to those who do not move out with you. So, I will neither run ahead of you or lag behind you. I will allow you to lead me to where you want me to go. I will allow you to give me what you want me to do. **That will be very good.**

Then what will you expect? What will you hope for? What will you have faith to believe? I believe that you will work in and through my life. Your Holy Spirit will empower me to do your work. Your Holy Spirit will make me able to do what I could never do by myself. Your Holy Spirit will empower me to be your witness in the world around me. **Yes, He will. I will powerfully use you as my witness in the world. You will accomplish the work that I will give you to do for me. Your hopes and dreams and prayers that I have given to you will be answered.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I know that without the power of your Holy Spirit working in and through me, I will be unable to be your witness in the world. Empower me. Make me able to go and do your work. Use me near and far to be your witness so many will come to know you. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *You Will Receive Power*

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."

NIV Acts 1:8

Becoming Like Christ *You Will Receive Power*

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."

ESV Acts 1:8

Becoming Like Christ *You Will Receive Power*

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

NLT Acts 1:8

Becoming Like Christ *You Shall Receive Power*

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

NKJV Acts 1:8

Becoming Like Christ *You Will Receive Power*

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

NRSV Acts 1:8

Becoming Like Christ *You Will Be Able*

What you'll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world."

MSG Acts 1:8

Becoming Like Christ *You Shall Receive Power*

But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

AMP Acts 1:8

Becoming Like Christ *You Will Receive Power*

But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power to testify about me with great effect, to the people in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, about my death and resurrection."

TLB Acts 1:8

Becoming Like Christ *You Will Receive Power*

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

NASB Acts 1:8

Becoming Like Christ *You Will Receive Power*

But when the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will receive power. You will be my witnesses—in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world."

NCV Acts 1:8

You Will Receive Power

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Becoming Like Christ – Acts 1:8

In Context: *Read Acts 1*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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)

Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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)

Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, I know that without the power of your Holy Spirit working in and through me, I will be unable to be your witness in the world. Empower me. Make me able to go and do your work. Use me near and far to be your witness so many will come to know you. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you discovered that your timing and the Lord’s timing were not the same?

When have you lacked power because you were operating under your own strength?

Why will you certainly need the power of the Holy Spirit to be a witness for Christ in the world?

When have you asked and waited for the Holy Spirit to empower you to be His witness in the world?

How has the power of the Holy Spirit made you able to do what you could not have done by yourself?

How has the Holy Spirit given you opportunities to witness for Christ in your immediate circle of influence?

When has the Holy Spirit sent you to be a witness far outside your immediate circle of influence?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Wait for and rely on the Holy Spirit to empower you to be Christ’s witness in the world.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Holy Spirit will empower you to be Christ’s witness in the world.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Holy Spirit has empowered you to be Christ’s witness.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you wait for and rely on the Holy Spirit to empower you to be Christ's witness in the world.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Holy Spirit, empower me to be Christ's witness in the world around me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Holy Spirit, ho will you empower me to Be Christ's witness in the world around me.
