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Chapter One

Position Yourself

Are you ready to have the true POWER OF PENTECOST released within you?

You must first position yourself spiritually BEFORE you will be able to have this power activated within you.

To position yourself, you must get rid of all preconceived ideas concerning God's power and the limitations you have placed upon God to work in and through you.

The vast majority of Christians today have relegated the power of God that was released on the Day of Pentecost to that particular time in Church history when the Holy Spirit was poured out and the Church was born. They believe it was manifested in the lives of the apostles to give birth to the Church...and that it is no longer possible to have that same type of manifestation of God's power within the Church today.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was only the beginning! God never intended for the power that was manifested at Pentecost and in the early Church to diminish. What happened at Pentecost was not a one-time experience, but an INFUSION OF GOD'S DUNAMIS POWER into the Church.

The Book of Acts is a record of the acts of the apostles and believers within the early Church. Luke is the author and what he recorded within this one book is only a small sampling of the manifestations of God's Spirit—the signs, wonders, and miracles that God worked through the members of the early Church. It would have been impossible to record all the works of God that were accomplished during this time (John 21:25).

Therefore, we must not limit the manifestation and working of God's Spirit today to our own limited understanding. We must fully yield ourselves to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to manifest Himself within the Church and in our lives IN ANY MANNER HE DESIRES!

Position Yourself

God doesn't want us to look back to the events that happened at Pentecost and think we cannot have that same type of manifestation of God's power today. We can!

Neither does He want us to limit the working of His Spirit to only what was experienced by the apostles and believers within the early Church!

God's end-time Book of Acts is now being written by the Church! The true power of God that was released at Pentecost is going to flow through His end-time people in such a mighty way that through our actions and exploits we will be writing another chapter in God's Book of Acts. This is the decade of the Holy Spirit and of the end-time Church!

WE DON'T NEED MORE HEAD KNOWLEDGE ... WE NEED AN EXPERIENCE OF POWER!

Before we can EXPERIENCE the fullness of God's power working within us in the dimension He has purposed for us, we must have a fresh revelation of God's power WORKING IN US through the Holy Spirit.

Head knowledge is not enough! We can know all the Scriptures on God's power and the power we have in Christ by heart, and quote them every day for the rest of our lives, and it won't get the job done.

Head knowledge of God's power will never heal the sick, open blind eyes, or break the bondages of drug and alcohol abuse!

It wasn't head knowledge that enabled Peter to say to the crippled man, lame from birth: *Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk* (Acts 3:6). No. It wasn't head knowledge that enabled that man to leap and walk. Peter had an EXPERIENCE OF THE DUNAMIS POWER OF GOD!

It's time for the Church to go beyond head knowledge to an EXPERIENCE where God's power and anointing is gushing forth out of our lives to heal the sick and break the bondages of sin in our cities. We don't have time to play church! We must press through in the Spirit until we have experienced a breakthrough of the power of God that will shake our world, as did the early Church.

Position Yourself

The apostle Paul prayed for the Ephesian believers to have a revelation ... that the eyes of their understanding would be enlightened so they would KNOW the hope of His calling, and the riches of His inheritance in the saints, AND THE EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER!

He prayed:

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come, and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Ephesians 1:17-23

Chapter Two

God Wants You To Know Through Experience His Power That Is Within You!

Through the Holy Spirit, the SAME MIGHTY POWER that raised Christ from the dead is in you! God's power that is working for us and in us is **according to the unlimited power God manifested in Christ when He raised Him from the dead. The resurrection power of Almighty God is in us!**

Paul said: *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us* (Ephesians 3:20).

God will do far beyond and above anything we can ever ask or our minds can even conceive ACCORDING TO HIS MIGHTY RESURRECTION POWER WORKING IN US!

Let us consider the word “power” in the above verses. The Greek word used here for the word *power* is *dunamis*. It refers to the supernatural power of Almighty God. It is the miraculous power, ability, and might of God. The same *DUNAMIS*...supernatural, miracle-working power...

- that was in Christ and manifested through Him in opening blind eyes, healing the sick, making the lame walk, and raising the dead ...
- that raised Christ from the dead ...
- that was poured out at Pentecost ...
- that was manifested in the lives of Peter, Paul, and the other apostles and believers in the early Church ...

... is the same power that is working within us today! It has not changed! It has not diminished in strength! It is the same!

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This *dunamis* miracle-working power of God is WITHIN us. It is not something that is far removed from us, somewhere in the heavens that is released upon us from time to time. It is WITHIN US. But before we can have this power flowing through us in the powerful dimension God has planned for us, we must have a revelation of God's power and His purpose for manifesting it in our lives.

Chapter Three

Jesus Knew His Disciples Needed An Experience Of Power!

During the forty days before He ascended into heaven, Jesus not only gave undeniable proof of His resurrection to His disciples, He commissioned them.

In Jerusalem, when He appeared to them and rebuked them because of their unbelief, He had told them:

. . . Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:15-18

On another occasion, when the disciples had gone to a mountain in Galilee where Jesus had instructed them to meet Him, He said:

. . . All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28:18-20

The message and commission were clear. Jesus had proven to them He had risen from the dead by giving them “many infallible proofs.” Now, as He was preparing to return to the Father, He was sending them forth in His Name to preach this glorious message that He was crucified, had risen

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from the dead and ascended into heaven, where He was seated at the right hand of the Father in a position of supreme power!

These same men who had denied Him, who had fled in fear and hidden behind closed doors, who had been so slow to believe that He had truly risen from the dead, Jesus was sending forth to fulfill what seemed to be an impossible task. In the natural, it was impossible for a small handful of men to evangelize the world.

“Wait a minute, Jesus! These are just ordinary men, a bunch of uneducated fishermen. They don’t have any formal training. They haven’t been to a theological seminary. They aren’t great orators. How can they possibly preach this message in every nation and convince the world that You are the Son of God, and that there is salvation, healing, and deliverance in Your Name?”

Jesus knew the disciples were not ready ... that before they would be able to fulfill this Commission, they needed AN EXPERIENCE OF POWER!

Something had to happen within their lives that would transform them from a fearful, weak, doubting group of men and women...without a vision, without purpose or direction...into bold, fearless men and women, full of faith and the power of Almighty God, capable of shaking the entire world!

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 1:4-5

He told them: “...behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49).

JESUS COMMANDED THEM TO WAIT

Jesus commanded them to WAIT. In their own limited strength and wisdom, they were incapable of fulfilling this awesome task. The future of the Church and the work of God were resting upon them. If something

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didn't happen to them, there wouldn't be a Church...the work of God would not be accomplished.

In essence, Jesus was saying, "You're not ready yet! Wait in Jerusalem until you have an experience of power! Don't you dare leave the city until you are endued with power from on high!" Jesus didn't tell them to wait until they received the gift of tongues, the "prayer language" of the Holy Spirit, or some other manifestation of the Spirit. He told them to wait until they were ENDUED WITH POWER. The word *endued* means "clothed."

Jesus said, "Go, wait for the promise of the Father." What promise was He talking about? The promise of the outpouring of God's Spirit!

Jesus said, "I'm going to send the promise of the Father upon you, and you're going to be endued ... clothed with power from on high. You're not going to have to depend upon your own strength any longer ... you're going to be clothed with God's dunamis power. It's not going to be manifested occasionally, at certain times in your lives. Like a garment placed upon you that you wear, God's DUNAMIS POWER is going to come upon you and remain in you!

He told them, "You're going to be baptized with the Holy Ghost! The Holy Ghost is going to come upon you and manifest Himself in your life until you are saturated, controlled, directed, and empowered."

Jesus walked with them to the Mount of Olives, where they had often gone together to pray. And after they had assembled together, the disciples asked Him, ". . . *Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of Israel?*" (Acts 1:6, NIV).

Even as Jesus was preparing to return to the Father, they still did not fully understand all that He had told them. They were still expecting Him to set up a literal kingdom.

Jesus answered, ". . . *It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power* (Acts 1:7). In other words, it wasn't necessary for them to know when this was going to take place. The important thing He wanted them to focus their attention on was the fact that they were going to be empowered by the Holy Spirit as His witnesses to the ends of the Earth.

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He told them: *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 parts of the earth* (Acts 1:8).

Chapter Four

Dunamis Power Of God!

The power that was released in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost has not diminished! It has not stopped flowing within the Church!

That same dunamis, miracle-working power that was manifested in Jesus' life and that was DEMONSTRATED in the early Church is within us!

That same dunamis power that was manifested to heal the sick, open blind eyes, make the lame walk, and to raise the dead within the early Church is still flowing today.

Pentecost did not end two thousand years ago. It never stopped! One of the major rea-sons we are not seeing more of God's dunamis power demonstrated within the lives of Christians today is because of unbelief.

The majority of Christians sitting in our church pews do not believe it is possible for God's miracle power to be released through them to heal the sick, open blind eyes, unstop deaf ears or make the lame to walk. Ninety-nine point nine percent still have not gone past the point of blessing!

Within the Body of Christ there has been a lack of understanding concerning the true power that was released at Pentecost and its purpose within the Body of Christ today. That is the reason we are not seeing more of God's miracle power manifested within our churches.

One of the biggest lies Satan will use to block the flow of the fullness of God's power through your life is to tell you that it's impossible for the miracle power of God to flow through you as it did through Peter, Paul, and the disciples in the early Church. He will try to make you think that God's miracle power is only released through great "spiritual giants"—well-known evangelists, ministers, or teachers.

God's power is not limited by who you are, or by your own limited talents and abilities. His power is not dependent upon you. He has planned for His mighty power to flow through every member of the

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Body to fulfill His will upon the earth. You don't have to wait until you somehow reach a high spiritual plateau before God can manifest His miracle power through you.

God will manifest that same miracle power through you as you begin to understand the power He has already given you through the Holy Spirit. Then, as you dare to step out in faith and expect Him to release that power to heal the sick, cast out devils, and proclaim deliverance in His Name, He will do it!

Jesus said:

These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:17-18

This is the power and authority that has been given to you through the Holy Spirit living within you. No doubt you've heard these Scriptures many times before. You may have quoted them. But now it's time for you to come into an EXPERIENCE OF POWER where these Scriptures have become a reality in your life.

“WAIT”

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples returned to Jerusalem and went into an upper room, where they had been commanded to WAIT “for the promise of the Father.” This is one of the most important instructions Jesus gave them before He ascended into heaven:

And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Acts 1:4-5

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He told them to wait for the “promise of the Father”... until they were endued with power!

And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Luke 24:49

The “promise of the Father” was the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit with power. Before His crucifixion, Jesus had talked to His disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit. God had promised through the prophet Ezekiel that he would make a new covenant with man and place His Spirit within him.

He promised:

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Ezekiel 36:26-27

He promised through the prophet Joel that He would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh: And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Joel 2:28-29

THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER

Jesus said, “Wait for the promise of the Father.” He had told them how the Holy Spirit ... the Comforter ... the Spirit of truth ... would not only come, but would live in them.

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Jesus said:

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you and shall be in you.

John 14:15-17

Jesus was not referring to an impersonal force somewhere that was going to be released upon them. He said, "He dwelleth with you and shall be in you!" He was talking about the Third Person of the Trinity ... the Holy Spirit ... Who was going to be their Comforter, Teacher, and Guide. He said: But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you (John 14:26).

He told them that when the Holy Spirit ... the Spirit of Truth ... had come, He would testify of Him: "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me" (John 15:26).

He knew that their hearts were filled with sorrow and that they were fearful and discouraged because He had told them that He was returning to the Father. But He knew that if He did not die on the cross, rise from the dead and ascend back to the Father, the Holy Spirit would not come.

Assembled together during the last supper, He had told them:

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

John 16:7-8

Their understanding, before the Holy Spirit came, was limited. They were unable to grasp or comprehend many of the things Jesus had told them; neither did they fully understand the Scriptures. There was no revelation because the Holy Spirit had not yet come. He said, I have yet

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many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now (John 16:12). Jesus had many other things He desired to share with His disciples but they were not ready to hear them.

He told them:

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 16:13-14

Chapter Five

Baptized With The Holy Spirit!

When Jesus commanded them to “wait for the promise of the Father,” they were not waiting for just a temporary manifestation of God’s power to be manifested among them, but for the Holy Spirit to enter into a relationship with them whereby He would live within them. He had told them . . . *but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence* (Acts 1:5).

In this relationship, where they were baptized with the Holy Spirit, He would ...

- Convict of sin! (John 16:1, 8-11)
- Regenerate! (John 3:3,5)
- Sanctify! (Romans 15:16)
- Anoint! (I John 2:20, 27)
- Empower! (Acts 1:8)
- Guide! (John 16:13)
- Comfort! (John 14:16-26)
- Impart gifts! (I Corinthians 12:4-11)
- Bear fruit! (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Illuminate their minds! (Ephesians 1:16-17)
- Teach! (John 14:26)
- Testify of Christ! (John 15:26)
- Transform! (II Corinthians 3:18)

The disciples were waiting for the Holy Spirit ... the Third Person of the Trinity ... to be sent from the Father, Who would live and remain within them. Jesus had told them they would be BAPTIZED WITH the Holy Ghost.

Baptized With The Holy Spirit!

The word *baptism* is translated from the original Greek word *baptismo*, meaning “to immerse or submerge.” It is used here in these verses to describe the spiritual experience where Christ baptizes an individual with the Holy Spirit.

The disciples were not going to be baptized BY the Holy Spirit. He was not the One Who would baptize them. Jesus was the One Who was going to send the Holy Spirit, and He was the Baptizer ... the One Who would baptize them WITH the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist said when Jesus came He would baptize them with the Holy Ghost and fire! He said:

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Matthew 3:11-12

THE EVIDENCE OF PENTECOST IS POWER!

With this mighty outpouring of God’s Spirit, not only was the Church of Jesus Christ born in power, the disciples walked in power! They were “endued” with power. They were empowered and equipped to fulfill Christ’s Commission of evangelizing the world. Everywhere they went, they preached the Gospel in a demonstration of power!

The message Peter preached that day was with power! He did not give them a long theological dissertation. He did not try to impress them with his knowledge of the Scriptures. He preached Jesus Christ ... crucified ... resurrected and seated in power and glory at the right hand of the Father.

The one major truth upon which Peter’s preaching was based was Christ’s resurrection. Peter told the people:

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of

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God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Acts 2:22-24

Peter began his message by declaring that this man Jesus, whom they had days before crucified, God had raised from the dead. The grave could not hold Him. He was ALIVE!

He told them, *This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses* (Acts 2:32). Jesus had shown Himself alive for forty days before He had ascended into heaven. He had given them undeniable proof. They were WITNESSES of His resurrection! They had seen Him ... touched Him ... talked with Him ... ate with Him. They had seen Him ascend into heaven!

Peter told them it was Jesus, Who was now seated at the right hand of God the Father, who had sent forth this outpouring of the Holy Spirit which they had seen and heard!

He said:

Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Acts 2:33, 36

Upon seeing and hearing this mighty manifestation of God's power ... the rushing, mighty wind ... the one hundred and twenty declaring the mighty works of God in their native tongues ... and this message delivered in the power and unction of the Holy Spirit, the people were pierced to the heart and cried out, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter answered, ... *Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost* (Acts 2:38).

Baptized With The Holy Spirit!

This outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the manifestation of God's *dunamis* power in working signs and wonders as EVIDENCE of Pentecost, was not just for the apostles or the believers in the early Church.

Peter said, *For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call*" (Acts 2:39).

What promise?

The promise of the Holy Spirit and power!

Jesus said: *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me ...* (Acts 1:8).

This promise is to us today!

The power of the Holy Spirit released on the Day of Pentecost, giving the apostles and believers power to proclaim the Gospel message, with signs and wonders following, belongs to us! Through the Holy Spirit, that same power that flowed through the early Church is within us. It hasn't changed!

Three thousand souls who heard and saw the manifestation of God's power were bap-tized and added to the Church that same day ... evidence of Pentecost!

Many of those three thousand new converts were Jews from every nation in the known world. Many of them returned to their nations to proclaim the Gospel. They became witnesses of the power and glory of God.

Chapter Six

120 Disciples Came Out Of The Upper Room With An Experience Of Power!

The true power of Pentecost was the power to proclaim the Gospel in a demonstration of power. This power to heal the sick, cast out devils and raise the dead was evidence ... living proof ... of Pentecost!

The one hundred and twenty who came out of the Upper Room had an experience of power!

Signs and wonders were manifested ... EVIDENCE of Pentecost!

And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles (Acts 2:43).

Multitudes were added to the Church ... EVIDENCE OF Pentecost!

And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both men and women (Acts 5:14).

The sick were healed and devils were cast out ... EVIDENCE of Pentecost!

... they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them There came also a multitude out of the cities round about Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits, and they were healed every one.

Acts 5:15-16

The Word of God was preached in a demonstration of power ... EVIDENCE of Pentecost!

In Samaria, Philip preached in a demonstration of power and multitudes believed.

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Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

Acts 8:5-6

In Lydda, Peter healed a man who had been paralyzed eight years. As a result, the whole region was converted to Christ (Acts 9:33-35).

The dead were raised ... EVIDENCE of Pentecost!

In Joppa, Peter raised Dorcas (Tabitha) from the dead and, as a result, many people throughout Joppa believed on the Lord.

But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

Acts 9:40-42

Multitudes were added to the Church ... EVIDENCE of Pentecost!

In Iconium, Paul and Barnabas preached and manifested signs and wonders. As a result, a great multitude of Jews and Greeks believed:

And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed ... Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Acts 14:1,3

The Gospel of Jesus Christ was preached throughout the world ... EVIDENCE of Pentecost!

Paul preached at Ephesus for a period of two years. As a result, all who dwelt in Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the Word of the Lord:

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And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 19:10-12

Chapter Seven

Without The Same Demonstration Of Power Today, There Is No Hope For The World!

The purpose of the outpouring which began on the Day of Pentecost has not changed!

The power of the Holy Spirit was given to the Church to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ ... crucified ... risen ... and coming again ... with signs and wonders as evidence and undeniable proof!

Paul told the Corinthians, *For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power* (I Corinthians 4:20). It wasn't the preaching ... it wasn't their natural speaking abilities or powers of persuasion ... it wasn't their personalities ... that enabled the disciples in the early Church to evangelize the known world. It was the power of the Holy Spirit that was flowing through them, producing the evidence of Pentecost! *And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen* (Mark 16:20).

Paul told the Thessalonians: *For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost ...* (I Thessalonians 1:5).

He told the Corinthians: ... my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God (I Corinthians 2:4-5).

It was a demonstration of God's power that enabled them to evangelize the known world in just two hundred years!

Within the Church today, our faith has been in what man can produce ... man's wisdom ... man's abilities ... man's technologies ... instead of the power of God! We have become too dependent upon ourselves to get the job done of evangelizing the world.

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Without the same enduement of power ... this same demonstration of God's power ... there is no hope for this world.

The divine charge Jesus gave the disciples before He ascended into heaven has not changed. The Church has been given the task of evangelizing the world. He has given us the power of the Holy Spirit. He has equipped and empowered us. And it is the responsibility of every born-again believer to accept this charge and fulfill it in the POWER of the Holy Spirit.

Today, half of the world's population has never once heard the Name of Jesus. We aren't going to reach them and evangelize the world using the methods we are currently using in the Church today.

We aren't going to reach them through polished sermons ... man-made doctrines ... activities ... church programs ... Christian "entertainment" ... church socials.

The only way we will effectively evangelize the world before Jesus comes is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a demonstration of power ... with evidence ... through the Holy Spirit!

It's time for the Church to get back to preaching the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ ... crucified ... risen ... coming again.

The world doesn't need man-made doctrines ... gimmicks ... get rich schemes ... or a watered-down, sugar-coated Gospel.

The world needs to hear and see the manifestations of God's power preached with signs and wonders accompanying it!

Jesus said that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations (Luke 24:47). He said, ... *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned* (Mark 16:15-16).

When the Body of Christ begins to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in POWER, we will see the greatest move of the Spirit of God that we have ever seen ... that will shake the world!

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

The Gospel of Jesus Christ IS the power of God! It has the power to set men free from sin and every type of bondage. We must not get sidetracked with other issues, but declare the full Gospel.

WE WILL NEVER EVANGELIZE THE WORLD FROM BEHIND A PULPIT!

Something must happen to the Church of Jesus Christ! First, we need to go back into the Upper Room and stay there until we are baptized with the Holy Spirit and have an experience of power. Then we must begin to break out of the dead, dry traditions, forms, and rituals of the Church and begin to proclaim the Gospel in a demonstration of power everywhere we go!

The world cannot be evangelized from behind a pulpit! We will never be able to reach the masses who have never heard the Name of Jesus if we are depending upon the present structure of the Church that revolves around the pastor ... evangelist ... minister ... standing behind the pulpit.

The work of evangelizing the world was not accomplished by the ministry of the apostles alone. It wasn't accomplished by "organizations." After the Day of Pentecost, the apostles did not establish an *organization* and appoint a delegating body to direct the work of the Church. The Church wasn't an *organization* ... it was an ORGANISM!

Every believer did the work of an evangelist! They shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere they went ... in their homes ... house to house ... in their places of work ... in the streets ... at the marketplace. They prayed for the sick, cast out devils, ministered to the needy, and spread the Gospel throughout their cities.

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart. Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 2:46-47

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When strong persecution broke out in Jerusalem against them, it was the saints who were dispersed and spread the Gospel to the nations, while the apostles stayed in Jerusalem.

...And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Acts 8:1

These believers did not run and hide for fear of persecution. Everywhere they went, they declared the Gospel. They were WITNESSES, not only by the words they spoke, but by the signs and wonders that were manifested. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word (Acts 8:4).

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

Acts 11:19-21

GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL IN A DEMONSTRATION OF POWER!

The true power of Pentecost is the power to be witnesses ... power to proclaim the Gospel with signs following ... power to boldly stand and declare the pure, unadulterated Word of God in the midst of a wicked and perverse generation!

Jesus said: *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* (Acts 1:8).

Just as the great manifestation of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost was poured out upon the one hundred and twenty disciples, shut away in the Upper Room while the Jews, with their form and traditions

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were observing Pentecost according to the outward form and ritual, we are going to see and experience an awesome manifestation of God's Power and Presence greater than anything we have ever experienced!

While the cold, dead, dry traditional Church is going through their form ... carrying on business as usual ... God is going to breathe upon us and pour out His Spirit! As His Spirit is released within us, we will rise up in new power to accomplish the work He has given us to do in this end-time hour.

We will see such a mighty demonstration of God's power in our midst in opening blind eyes, raising cripples from their wheelchairs, causing the deaf to hear, and healing all types of sickness and disease, that people will come by the multitudes to hear and see the mighty works of God. We won't have to plead or beg for them to come. When they see the power of God manifested, they will come by the thousands and be saved!

God has planned for you to be part of this great outpouring. He wants to send you forth in His power as a mighty end-time witness to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ with evidence!

Walk in a new awareness of the purpose of Pentecost and the power that God wants to release in you and through you.

Join together with your Christian friends at home, in your church, or wherever you can find a place to pray. Unite together in prayer ... believing ... expecting God to manifest His power in your midst!

Be His witness! Walk in His power every day ... share the Gospel ... lay hands on the sick.

Allow God's power to flow through you to meet the great needs within your community ... city ... nation!

Chapter Eight

Witnesses

God's purpose for releasing His power within the Church today is that we will proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a demonstration of power to the nations of the world as an end-time witness.

Jesus said: *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; then shall the end come* (Matthew 24:14).

Jesus said the Gospel will be preached "as a witness." When we look at the meaning of the word *witness* as used in the Word, in essence, He was saying that the Gospel must be preached with miracles as evidence!

Just as the believers in the early Church were WITNESSES of Christ's resurrection through the signs and wonders which God manifested through them, God has called and chosen YOU to be His end-time witness ... to produce evidence ... undeniable proof that Jesus is the son of the living God. *And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all* (Acts 4:33).

The purpose of the power you receive through the Holy Spirit is to make you a witness! Jesus said, ... *Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me* (Acts 1:8).

The word *witness* is translated from the Greek word *martus*. So many "witnesses" laid down their lives for their testimony about Christ that the word *martyr* gradually became understood as "one who bears witness by his death." It was adopted into the English language as *martyr*.

Witness (translated from this Greek word *martus*) refers to "one who can or does aver (verify, prove) what he has seen or heard or knows."

The word *witness* means "to give or to be evidence: one who furnishes evidence, proof; one who demonstrates, substantiates or verifies his testimony with an exhibition of evidence."

The apostles and believers in the early Church were witnesses, not simply by the words they spoke, but by the evidence they demonstrated through the signs and wonders—the lame walking, blind eyes being opened, demons cast out, the dead raised—in the Name of Jesus.

They not only preached the Gospel, they DEMONSTRATED it! Paul said, *My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power* (I Corinthians 2:4).

Jesus told them:

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:17-18

These signs manifested through the believers were evidence ... undeniable proof ... that Jesus had risen from the dead, that Jesus was Who He claimed to be, and that the Gospel they preached was true.

THE DISCIPLES WERE WITNESSES THROUGH THE EVIDENCE OF SIGNS AND WONDERS!

When the one hundred and twenty came out of the Upper Room, they had been transformed by the power of God. No longer were they full of doubt, confused, or fearful. They were endued ... clothed ... with the power of the Holy Spirit. They had an experience of the power and began to boldly declare the Gospel and do the works Jesus had told them they would do in His Name.

... He that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:12-13

When Peter saw the lame man lying at the gate of the temple, he did not hesitate or waver. He knew he had received the dunamis miracle power of God. He commanded the man to rise and walk in the Name of Jesus.

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He said, *Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk* (Acts 3:6). Then Peter took the man by the right hand and lifted him up. Immediately his legs were healed and he began walking, leaping and praising God. Evidence!

When the people saw the lame man healed, they stood there in amazement.

With the man who had been healed standing beside him, Peter began to BOLDLY preach the message of Jesus Christ to the multitude who had gathered together. He told them the Source of the power that had been manifested in healing this man. ... *Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?* (Acts 3:12).

Peter knew that he did not possess the power in himself to heal, but that it was the same *dunamis*, miracle-working power that had been manifested in Jesus' life. God manifested this miracle of healing as EVIDENCE that Jesus had risen from the dead and was truly the Son of God. Peter told them:

The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead ...

Acts 3:13-15

Peter again focused his message upon the truth of Christ's resurrection from the dead. He told them, "We are witnesses!" In essence, Peter was saying, "We are witnesses of His resurrection. We produce EVIDENCE! Here it is ... this man standing before you is evidence. He has been healed through faith in Jesus' Name!"

Peter said: *And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all* (Acts 3:16).

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After he preached in this demonstration of the power of God, he called them to repentance. As a result of seeing this one miracle, and hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, five thousand men believed and were saved in one day!

Later, when Peter and John were arrested and brought before the Council for healing the man and preaching the resurrection power in Jesus' Name, Peter again BOLDLY preached Jesus Christ.

When they asked him, "By what power or by what name have ye done this?" Peter made it clearly known that this miracle had been done by the power of Jesus Christ!

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Acts 4:8-10

Peter declared that it was through the POWER of Jesus Christ, whom they had crucified and whom God had raised from the dead that this man, who had been lame from his mother's womb ... forty years ... was made 100 percent whole! The man standing before them completely healed was evidence ... undeniable proof ... that Jesus had been resurrected from the dead.

In Acts, Peter quoted from the prophecy concerning the Messiah in Psalm 118:22.

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any

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other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4:11-12

Not only was Peter preaching that Jesus had been resurrected and that He was the only way through which man can be saved, he was producing the proof ... visible evidence ... that Jesus had been resurrected by speaking the word of healing in Jesus' Name.

The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection and were greatly disturbed because the disciples had preached and taught through Jesus, resurrection from the dead.

However, with the man standing there completely healed ... through the power of God manifested in Jesus' Name, THERE WAS NOTHING THEY COULD SAY TO REFUTE IT!

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

Acts 4:13-14

If you want the power of God manifested through you, you must prepare yourself for opposition and persecution. You must expect it and recognize it as the work of the enemy to stop you.

Don't be surprised when the persecution comes from members within the Body of Christ. There are times when Christians see a mighty manifestation of God's power flowing through someone else and become jealous, and actually oppose the work of God and begin to speak against what is happening rather than praising and glorifying God.

When this happens, don't be intimidated or discouraged, but continue to be obedient to what God has called you to do. Don't allow anything or anyone to hinder the flow of the power of God in your life!

Chapter Nine

As Witnesses Of God's Power, They Shook The World

One of the manifestations of the power the disciples received through the outpouring of God's Spirit was BOLDNESS. When they were commanded not to speak or teach again in the Name of Jesus, they didn't shrink back from the conflict. They cried out to God and laid hold of the dunamis power of God!

Peter and John looked them squarely in the face and said, ... *Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard* (Acts 4:19-20).

They had an experience of power! The Holy Spirit had come to live within them and they had been endued ... clothed ... with power from the throne of Almighty God. They had been transformed from the weak, fearful, discouraged men they had once been. There was something within them ... the power of the Holy Spirit ... that could not be quenched!

After the Sadducees had threatened them further, they released Peter and John and they returned to join the rest of the disciples. They did not go back whining and crying about how they had been persecuted. They did not conduct a business meeting to plan a new strategy. Rather, they laid hold of the "horns of the altar" and cried out to God, expecting a manifestation of His power!

They came together in united prayer, *And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus* (Acts 4:29-30).

When they had finished praying, the power of God was manifested in their midst with such force, the place was shaken where they had assembled together!

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And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness ... and with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Acts 4:31, 33

As they united together in prayer, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and they spoke the word of God with boldness!

The power of the Holy Ghost gave them the boldness they needed to continue to proclaim the Gospel, regardless of the opposition and persecution they faced. This boldness was based upon their knowledge that the power of God was with them through a visible manifestation of His power in performing signs and wonders in their midst.

AS THEY PREACHED THE WORD IN A DEMONSTRATION OF POWER, NOTHING COULD STOP THEM!

Luke wrote, "With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

How did they *give witness*? By the signs and wonders which were manifested through the power of the Holy Spirit flowing through them. *And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people ...* (Acts 5:12).

God bore witness to them and the Gospel by the manifestation of His power. Paul wrote to the Hebrews concerning neglecting this great salvation.

... which at the first began to be spoken of by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Hebrews 2:3-4

God confirmed the Gospel preached by the disciples through the signs and wonders and gifts of the Holy Ghost. He gave them evidence that the Word of God was true.

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When the apostles were thrown into prison, God supernaturally delivered them. The angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out. He told them, *Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life* (Acts 5:20).

Even though they had just been thrown into prison for preaching and teaching in the Name of Jesus, they obeyed. They were not intimidated or fearful of the threats by the Jewish leaders. Early the next morning they went to the temple and stood up and boldly began to teach.

When the high priest and the council sent for them in prison, the officers returned and told them what they had found. The prison was still locked, with guards on duty outside the doors. But when they unlocked the doors, the prison was empty!

As they were wondering about what had taken place, someone came and reported to them that the apostles were standing in the temple teaching the people. When they had them brought before the council, they asked the apostles: ... *Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us* (Acts 5:28).

They did not waver or make excuses. They did not back down. They were not moved. They used that opportunity to preach.

... We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Acts 5:29-32

They stood there before the high priest and told them they weren't going to stop preaching or teaching about Jesus. They said, "We are His witnesses! We saw Him with our own eyes after His resurrection. He gave us undeniable proof!"

When the council saw they weren't going to stop them from proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they began planning how they could kill them.

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One of the Pharisees on the council told them, ... *Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God* (Acts 5:38-39, NIV).

These men, who were full of the power of the Holy Spirit, could not be stopped! Regardless of how they tried, these Jewish leaders could not silence them.

Regardless of the beatings or imprisonment, they refused to stop proclaiming the Gospel: *"Yet (in spite of the threats) they never ceased for a single day both in the Temple area and at home to teach and to proclaim the good news (Gospel) of Jesus (as) the Christ, the Messiah"* (Acts 5:42, TAB).

When God's power is working in us, nothing can stop it! As His witnesses, when we proclaim the Gospel in a demonstration of power, there is no opposition, no persecution, no work of the enemy that can stop us.

THEY GAVE EVIDENCE!

Philip, one of the deacons they had appointed in Jerusalem, gave WITNESS of the resurrection power of God.

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto these things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city.

Acts 8:5-8

One man, full of the power of the Holy Spirit, preaching the Gospel in a demonstration of the miracle power of God, shook an entire city. When they heard and saw the miracles he did ... the evidence ... the demons cast out ... the lame walking ... they believed the Word!

Christ appeared to Paul and called him to be a WITNESS. He told Paul, *But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee* (Acts 26:16).

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In Iconium, Paul and Barnabas were witnesses as they preached the Word in a demonstration of the power of God.

Now at Iconium (also Paul and Barnabas) went into the Jewish synagogue together and spoke with such power that a great number both of Jews and of Greeks believed—became Christians; But the unbelieving Jews (who rejected their message) aroused the Gentiles and embittered their minds against the brethren. So (Paul and Barnabas) stayed on there for a long time, speaking freely, fearlessly and boldly in the Lord, who continued to bear testimony to the Word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be performed by their hands.

Acts 14:1-3, AMP

In Ephesus, Paul was a WITNESS through his teaching and the miracles manifested through him. Ephesus became a center from which all of Asia was evangelized.

And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 19:8-12

Everywhere the apostles went, they were witnesses not only by the words they spoke, but by the miracles God manifested through them.

Chapter Ten

The Purpose Of God's Power Today Is To Proclaim The Gospel With Evidence!

The true power of Pentecost was not the ability to speak in tongues. It was the power to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ with evidence ... by signs and wonders manifested through the disciples.

This purpose has not changed. Through the Holy Spirit, we have received power to be His witnesses! We have been given POWER to proclaim the Gospel in this same demonstration of power. Jesus said: *But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has 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* (Acts 1:8).

There is only one way that we will be able to evangelize the world before Jesus comes. We must have an experience of power, where we have been baptized ... immersed ... completely saturated ... with the Holy Spirit so that we can produce the proof ... the evidence of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ to the world.

God doesn't want us to look back at the outpouring of His Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, and the manifestation of His power through the disciples in the early Church, and think it's impossible for us to have that type of outpouring of His Spirit today.

God is going to pour out His Spirit in an end time manifestation of His power in the nations of the world greater than anything we have yet experienced. Already we are seeing an awesome demonstration of God's power, with miracles of healing and deliverance on an unprecedented scale.

We are seeing such an awesome manifestation of God's power in our meetings overseas, as well as our Miracle Explosions in the United States and Canada, that it is like reading from the pages of the Book of Acts.

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We are seeing signs and wonders ... people being slain in the Spirit in large groups at one time ... spontaneous miracles throughout the congregation in every service ... healings of cancer, growths, deafness, and the crippled getting up out of their wheelchairs!

However, please listen closely to what I am going to say. This great end-time outpouring around the world, which I believe is the *final* outpouring of God's Spirit before Jesus comes, is not going to be accomplished through mass crusades, through the efforts of large ministries or a few well-known evangelists. It will not be the result of man-made technologies or through man's natural abilities.

Receive this prophecy: "A powerful spiritual force is going to be released WITHIN the Body of Christ that will bring about the greatest manifestation of the power of God the world has ever seen."

We will see this great end-time outpouring of God's Spirit as members of the Body of Christ begin to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit.

I believe God is going to raise up men and women, young people and even children, who are so full of the power of God that they are going to reach thousands who are going to turn to God because of the mighty miracles that are manifested through them.

Just as God used the believers in the early Church to proclaim the Gospel to the nations of the world, I believe He is now raising up obscure, unknown individuals throughout the world ...

- Who are hungry for God's power to be manifested through them.
- Who are sold out.
- Who are willing to pay the price to help bring revival to their nations.

And He is EMPOWERING them ... breathing a fresh anointing upon their lives so that they will be used as mighty end-time WITNESSES in the nations of the world.

GOD WANTS TO USE YOU AS AN END-TIME WITNESS OF HIS POWER!

Are you ready for the true power of Pentecost to be manifested in and through you?

You may be thinking, “Dr. Cerullo, I am not a preacher. I’m not a public speaker. I’m just an insignificant person. I don’t have any special talents or abilities. How can God possibly use me to proclaim the Gospel in a demonstration of power?”

Please ... don’t place limitations on the power God has placed within you through the Holy Spirit, or what He can accomplish through YOU!

God used a handful of ordinary men and women ... fishermen ... tentmakers ... a tax collector ... and the most unlikely individuals ... to evangelize the world. He took them, with all their limitations and all their shortcomings, and poured His Spirit into them, giving them POWER to evangelize the entire world!

They didn’t accomplish the work of God from behind a pulpit. They spread the Gospel from house to house ... one-on-one evangelism ... everywhere they went. They laid hands on the sick and, in the Name of Jesus, healed them. In the face of persecution and death, they continued to BOLDLY proclaim the Word:

And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and con-firming the word with signs following. Amen (Mark 16:20).

The purpose of the power you have received through the Holy Spirit is to make you a WITNESS. It doesn’t matter who you are. God is not depending upon your abilities or anything you possess. By His power which is working within you, He will give you the divine capability to proclaim the Gospel with evidence ... undeniable proof!

God wants to use you in this great end-time outpouring of His Spirit. But you must position yourself spiritually.

- (1) You must wait upon God in seasons of prayer until you have an experience of power where you are able to speak the Word in a demonstration of power.**

The Purpose Of God's Power Today Is To Proclaim The Gospel With Evidence!

You may be “filled” with the Holy Spirit and speak in other tongues, but not be “baptized”... immersed ... in the Holy Spirit, where God's power is flowing through you to heal the sick, and pray the prayer of deliverance for those who are bound by drugs and alcohol, and proclaim the Gospel message with power to the lost.

Jesus said, “These signs shall follow them that believe” (Mark 16:17). If these signs aren't being manifested in your life, cry out to God for Him to release His power through you. If you don't have the boldness to declare the Gospel to the unsaved you come into contact with in your community, village or city, ask God to give you the boldness, through the Holy Ghost, that you need.

Make the prayer of the believers in the early Church your prayer: *...Grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus* (Acts 4:29-30).

(2) Yield yourself totally to the Holy Spirit as an end-time WITNESS and make yourself available for God's power to be manifested through you.

As a witness, God wants to use you to fulfill His end-time purpose. Jesus said, *This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; then shall the end come* (Matthew 24:14). This is the true purpose for the power of the Holy Spirit being outpoured upon the Church today.

In your home, on the job, at school, at the marketplace ... wherever you go ... LOOK for opportunities to be a WITNESS of the power of God. Every day of your life, ask God to open up new opportunities for you to share the Gospel and lead souls to Christ. Make winning souls, and discipling them your greatest desire and top priority in life.

(3) Ask God to use the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit to burn away EVERYTHING in your life that is blocking the flow of His power through you.

One of the main purposes of the Presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to purge and cleanse us of all pride, jealousy, selfishness and any other works of the flesh that are still active in our lives.

The Purpose Of God's Power Today Is To Proclaim The Gospel With Evidence!

We must be willing to humble ourselves before God and allow the Holy Spirit to cut away the unbelief and the hardness of our hearts so that the *fruit* of the Spirit, as well as the *gifts* of the Spirit, can be manifested in our lives as a WITNESS to the world.

Allow the Holy Spirit to manifest Himself in your life in a greater dimension than you have ever experienced.

Receive the promise of God's power manifested in your life, deep into your spirit.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has 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

Acts 1:8

Believe it ... receive it ... Act on it!

Move into a new experience of God's power!

Morris Cerullo World Evangelism

THE MAN

Dr. Morris Cerullo, president of Morris Cerullo World Evangelism, is a man with a heart that beats for reaching and winning souls.

More than seven decades in the ministry have been spent in worldwide evangelism, going to the nations, preaching and teaching a powerful, uncompromising message of salvation, healing, and deliverance.

Thousands of Nationals worldwide have acknowledged Morris Cerullo as being one of the leading prophets of the twenty-first century. Not only does God speak to him, but his prophetic annunciations come with a special anointing of God's Presence.

He received a divine, supernatural call from God to preach at the age of fifteen. From that time until now, he has never wavered in his commitment and zeal to fulfill the Great Commission to bring in a harvest of souls from around the world.

God has used Dr. Cerullo to pioneer overseas ministries and to open many countries that have been considered closed to the gospel. His ministry is accompanied by a manifestation of God's miracle-working power.

Many honors have been bestowed on Morris Cerullo, including honorary doctorates of divinity and humanities by academic leaders, spiritual leaders, and presidents of nations in recognition of his achievements and contributions to global evangelization.

Few ministers have had such an impact on the destiny of the nations of the world. Morris Cerullo's life has been sacrificially dedicated to training and spiritually equipping pastors, lay people, and evangelists to reach their nations for Christ with a supernatural endowment of God's power.

THE MESSAGE

God has anointed Dr. Cerullo with a unique ability to communicate to others the power and anointing that God has given to him. He proclaims an

uncompromising message from the Word of God as it pertains to salvation, healing, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and Christ's Second Coming.

Over the past seven decades, God has used Morris to release prophetic messages over people and nations and to strengthen and prepare the Church to fulfill His purposes in this end-time hour.

Morris Cerullo is one of the major leaders in the arena of spiritual warfare. God has used his revolutionary messages on spiritual warfare to equip and train a vast army of spiritual warriors to move from a defensive to an offensive position and to walk in 100 percent victory in every area of their lives.

Breakthrough messages, such as: Proof Producers, The New Anointing, The Battle For Your Mind, The Last Great Anointing, The Battle For Your Tongue, Making Possible Your Impossibilities, and many more, have revolutionized the lives of multiplied millions worldwide.

THE MINISTRY

Dr. Morris Cerullo is a worldwide evangelist and a father of the faith to many of today's renowned spiritual leaders. Affectionately known as Papa, he has personally trained more than five million Christian leaders (whom we call "Nationals") around the world to reach their own countries for Jesus Christ.

This God-given vision of reaching millions with the gospel is now being fulfilled through the building of a worldwide, state-of-the-art training center. The Morris Cerullo Legacy International Center will offer ministerial training for ordination and individual course training. It will also offer biblical prophecy and Hebraic studies.

SCHOOLS OF MINISTRY

The Morris Cerullo School of Ministry has been called: "The school with a difference." During intensive training sessions, thousands receive extensive training in spiritual warfare and in how to "work the works of God."

The teaching and training at these schools goes beyond the textbooks. It takes the people beyond the realm of "head knowledge" and into revelation

knowledge. During these sessions, there is an impartation and anointing of the Holy Spirit which mobilizes and equips the students to reach their countries with the gospel in a demonstration of God's power.

Since 1962, when God gave Dr. Cerullo the mandate, "Son, build Me an army," more than five million National pastors, ministers, and lay people, in 130 nations, have been trained!

GLOBAL PRAYER STRIKE FORCE

In 1997, God spoke to Dr. Cerullo and said, "Raise up a prayer covering over the entire world." Since that time, an army of approximately 100,000 intercessors has been mobilized to cover the world with ongoing, strategic-warfare prayer and intercession. More than five hundred Global-Prayer-Strike-Force leaders in sixty-seven different countries have been established. Thousands of Prayer Command Centers have been established in homes and churches around the world.

VICTORY TODAY WITH MORRIS CERULLO

Victory Today, a daily television program, is an innovative, global broadcast that is available through our Web site (mcwe.com) and the Morris Cerullo phone app. Each day the program airs, Morris Cerullo shares prophetic promises God has placed in His Word for you, along with core ministry teachings.

BOOK AND DVD/CD MINISTRY

Morris Cerullo is the prolific author of more than 200 classic, Christian books and unique study Bibles, and has produced numerous DVD and CD training materials.

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