



LESSON # 5

Experiencing Power | The Temple

EXPERIENCING POWER

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*The Easter story didn't end with the
RESURRECTION . . . it continued
with the GREAT COMMISSION.*

*Sin and Death had been DEFEATED, but the
GOOD NEWS of the Gospel was just getting started!*

3 Big Events After the Resurrection.

- ✓ The Great Commission (Acts 1:8)
- ✓ The Ascension (Acts 1:9)
- ✓ Pentecost (Acts 2:4)

*They all tell ONE STORY . . . Jesus was FINISHED
with his work and now it's OUR TURN.*

Jesus Spent 40 Days Doing 3 Things.

1. Jesus was PROVING to the apostles that he was ALIVE.
2. Jesus was TEACHING the apostles about the KINGDOM OF GOD.
3. Jesus was PREPARING the apostles to do it WITHOUT HIM.

Acts 1

³ During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

⁴ Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. ⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?” ⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.”

⁸ “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.”

⁹ After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him.

*And just like that . . . Jesus was
GONE and now it's OUR TURN.*

Q: I wonder if they remembered the
words of Jesus from The Last Supper?

John 14

¹² Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.”

*The GREAT COMMISSION is
the Resurrection in ACTION.*

The Promise of the Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit is the tangible display of God's PRESENCE.

John 14

¹² Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you."

- The Holy Spirit is the tangible display of God's POWER.

Acts 1

⁸ Jesus said, "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."

Acts 2

¹ On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

*The Holy Spirit is God's power
IN YOU and THROUGH YOU.*

The Power of the Holy Spirit.

1. The Holy Spirit is empowering you to GO.

Mark 16

¹⁵ Jesus told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”

2. The Holy Spirit is empowering you to PREACH.

Acts 8

⁴ But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.

3. The Holy Spirit is empowering you to BAPTIZE.

Acts 2

⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day - about 3,000 in all.

4. The Holy Spirit is empowering you to do MIRACLES.

Acts 14

³ But the apostles stayed there a long time, preaching boldly about the grace of the Lord. And the Lord proved their message was true by giving them power to do miraculous signs and wonders.

5. The Holy Spirit is empowering your EVERYDAY LIFE.

Galatians 5

²²⁻²³ The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Q: If the Holy Spirit has given us the POWER to go, preach, baptize, do miracles, and live a godly life, why would we settle for ANYTHING LESS?

Group Discussion.

- In today's lesson, we learned that *"The Great Commission is the resurrection in ACTION."*

Have you ever found yourself celebrating the resurrection without putting it into action?

- Jesus was extremely clear when he told us to *"Go into all the world and share the Good News with everyone,"* but we're tempted to ignore what he said and stay silent. What would it look like for you to GO and SHARE your faith with others?
- Which one of these reminders did you need to hear today and why?
 - ✓ The Holy Spirit is empowering you to GO.
 - ✓ The Holy Spirit is empowering you to PREACH.
 - ✓ The Holy Spirit is empowering you to BAPTIZE.
 - ✓ The Holy Spirit is empowering you to DO MIRACLES.
 - ✓ The Holy Spirit is empowering your EVERYDAY LIFE.
- What has God called you to DO that will require the Holy Spirit's POWER to get it done?