

Just this morning I awoke to the scripture, found in Acts 1:8. It reads

Acts 1:8 but you shall 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. "

Questions:

1. What do you think it means for the Holy Spirit to Come upon a man? How does this happen?

When a person receives Christ, he receives the Spirit of God! This happens when he realizes that his is a sinner and is separated from God. He understands that Jesus Christ came two thousand years ago to die on the cross on his behalf! Jesus died in our place! This is the essence of the gospel. A man comes to receive the Holy Spirit, by believing what Jesus did on the cross he did just for him. When the Spirit of God came into your life, he came to give you power to be His witness!

2. What does it mean to have the Power of God in Your life?

The word **power** in the original language is "dunamis"! We get the word dynamite from this Greek word. When a man receives Christ He has the power of dynamite to be what God wants him be.

Share with the men in your group how you have experienced this power in your life? It might be in context with a word you spoke to your son, your daughter, your employer or friend. When you were finished with the Conversation, you knew it was of God!

3. What is a witness?

A witness is someone who sees something or experiences something and tells others about it. If you witnessed a murder or an attempted murder, you would be asked to testify in court what you saw, what you heard and how you felt! A witness of Christ, tells others of what He has seen, heard and experienced since receiving Christ!

Why not right now, share with the each other what happened to you when you received Christ and how your life has been different ever since!

4. How do we Maintain this power to be a witness for Christ?

This power is produced in the Spirit as a Man:

- **Seeks to Be Filled and Controlled by the Spirit of God!**

Ephesians 5:18-20 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; NAS

What do you think it means to be controlled by the Spirit of God? Why do you think Paul uses the concept of drunkenness? What does verse 19 say about being filled with the Spirit?

- **Seeks to never Grieve the Spirit of God!**

Ephesians 4:30-5:1 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32 And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Eph 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; NAS

What does this scripture say to grieving the Holy Spirit? How have you in times past grieved the Spirit? How did you make it right?

- **Seeks Always to Yield His life to the Spirit of God!**

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

The Scripture says, if you walk by the Spirit, you will never carry out the desire of the flesh! What are the desires of the flesh? What do you think the desires of the Spirit are? How are you seeing your life in the Spirit doing less and less by way of the flesh and more and more by way of the Spirit? Do you see that less and less of the flesh and more and more of the Spirit makes an effective witness! How?