

Empowered for purpose

God never calls us to a task without giving us the power to fulfil it. Throughout Scripture, we see a consistent theme: when God gives a mission, He also gives the means. That is the purpose of the Holy Spirit in our lives—not just to comfort, guide, or convict, but to empower. The Christian life is not one of passive waiting or aimless wandering. It is a life marked by intention, purpose, and spiritual power. But many believers today live without experiencing this power, not because it isn't available, but because they haven't fully grasped that the Spirit empowers them for a divine purpose.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave His disciples a clear instruction: to wait in Jerusalem until they were "clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). They had already walked with Jesus for three years. They had heard His teachings, witnessed His miracles, and even received His peace after the resurrection. But they weren't yet ready to fulfil their calling. Why? Because the mission of God requires the Spirit of God. No amount of human strength, intellect, or strategy can accomplish eternal purposes. The early disciples needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit—and so do we.

Too often, we treat the Holy Spirit as an add-on to our faith rather than the essential engine of it. We forget that even Jesus, though fully God, chose to live His life on earth empowered by the Spirit. At His baptism, the Spirit descended on Him, marking the start of His public ministry. From that moment, every healing, every word of wisdom, every act of compassion was not only an expression of His divinity but also an example of how we are to live—relying not on ourselves, but on the power of the Holy Spirit.

Being empowered by the Spirit is not reserved for preachers, missionaries, or church leaders. It's for every believer. God has uniquely shaped each of us—our personalities, experiences, and spiritual gifts—to fulfil a specific purpose in His plan. But without the Spirit's power, even the most talented among us will fall short. Our ideas will fade, our strength will fail, and our best efforts will fall flat. It's only when we operate under the Spirit's direction and strength that we see lives transformed, hearts softened, and miracles unfold.

When the Holy Spirit empowers us, it is not just for our benefit. God's power is always given for a greater purpose. In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses." Notice that the power is not for personal glory or spiritual superiority. It is for witness. It is for service. It is for making Jesus known. If you want the Spirit's power, you must embrace the Spirit's purpose. The Holy Spirit doesn't empower us to sit on the sidelines; He empowers us to step into God's mission.

Living a Spirit-empowered life means walking with boldness even when we feel afraid. It means speaking truth even when it's unpopular. It means forgiving when it's easier to resent, loving when it's easier to judge, and trusting when it's easier to worry. These are not natural behaviours. They are supernatural fruits of a life surrendered to the Holy Spirit.

But here's the good news: God doesn't require you to muster up this power on your own. He doesn't say, "Figure it out." He says, "Ask, and you will receive." The power of the Holy Spirit is a gift. It is freely given to those who seek, who surrender, and who are willing to be used by God in any way He chooses. You don't have to understand it all to receive it. You simply have to be willing.

In our generation, more than ever, the world is desperate for Spirit-filled believers—people who not only know God but live as if He truly dwells within them. We don't need more clever strategies or louder voices. We need hearts set ablaze by the power of the Holy Spirit. That is what changes families. That is what revives churches. That is what transforms nations.

So wherever you are today—whether in the workplace, at home, in the church, or in your community—remember this: you have not been left alone. You have been given power. You have been filled for a purpose. Let the Holy Spirit not just be a doctrine you believe in but a daily reality you depend on. Step into your calling, not in fear, but in faith, knowing that "the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you" (Romans 8:11)—and is ready to work through you for God's glory.

Acts 2: 1-13

The Promise Fulfilled

1. Are we waiting expectantly for God to move in our midst?

Powered for Witness

2. How are you using your gifts to reach out to others ?

Unity in Diversity

3. Are we embracing the diversity of God's kingdom?