

PENTECOST WKND - SPIRIT-FILLED

Tulsa was shocked by the mass shooting--- the only cure is a MASS OUTPOURING of the HOLY SPIRIT breathing fresh life, grace, hope, healing, love, salvation, conviction of sin, repentance, and refreshing. our world is hurting, questioning what to do, where to go, why bad things happen, and how to get through it... **we need a supernatural encounter to handle the crazy natural times we're in...**

ACTS 6:1-7

- God didn't call us to be self-empowered, but Spirit empowered.
- We need each other; carrying the burden together. Everyone in the church is called to carry part of the burden in some way. We are all called to pray, to share God's love, to witness, and to help give towards helping meet the needs of the body.

ACTS 6:8-16

- Stephen stood out. He was full of GRACE and FAITH and POWER
 - Power attracts attacks-- -the anointing will face opposition.
 - FEAR is a CRIPPLING ENEMY--- STEPHEN was not afraid

EMPOWERED LEADERS have a CLEAR VISION, a CLEAR FOCUS, and a PERSEVERING SPIRIT They have the power to keep moving even when they get knocked down. They get pushed back, they experience turbulence, they experience persecution, they experience adversity, but **THEY DON'T STAY DOWN!**

YOU CAN'T KEEP A SPIRIT FILLED PERSON DOWN--- they keep bouncing back, they keep getting filled back up with strength, power, grace, mercy, hope, love, compassion----

The enemy wanted to INTIMIDATE and PARALYZE the early CHURCH with FEAR, with CONTROL, with THREATS, with SHAME, and with apathy.

THE HOLY SPIRIT confronts and convicts and empowers and challenges

HE GIVES us POWER:

POWER over FEAR
POWER over SHAME
POWER over DEATH
POWER over SIN
POWER over the CURSE

John 14:12-17, 25-27 // John 16:7- intro of the H.S. (the game changer)

Why- for empowerment- to strengthen you- to build up your spirit... ---The Bible says- Mark 16- The Holy Spirit is our empowerment- gives us the power to overcome, to walk in love, to be at peace...

POWER comes from PURITY, PRAYER, HIS PRESENCE, and a POSTURE of HUMILITY

Acts 2:1-10--- The Holy Spirit brought Passion, Purity, and Power to the early church.

- They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues- Greek- glossary- languages, words...
 - 1. It is a language-** the heavenly language- it is not gibberish... Acts 2:5- people from other nations heard and confused- because they heard them speaking in their own native languages- dialect... Speaking in tongues is a language. IF it's in the Bible we shouldn't be afraid of it.
 - 2. It is a Language of The Spirit- Ephesians 6:17-18-** part of your armor- Sword of the Spirit- praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit- part of your armor is praying in the Spirit- on **Jude 20-** building yourselves up in your most holy faith in the Holy Spirit
 - 3. It is a Pure Language- Genesis 11:1-7** the whole earth had one language- one speech- what language- Hebrew? No- Greek? English? It was the language from the garden where Adam and Eve walked and talked with God- sinful- Babel- before there was any separation of languages- God came down and confused their language and created several languages. **Zephaniah 3:9-** then I will restore to the people a pure language that they all may call on the name of the Lord with one accord.

THE HOLY SPIRIT gives us GIFTS (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

9 gifts of the spirit

Revelation (see)

*Word of wisdom

*Word of knowledge

*Discerning of spirits

Power (do)

*Faith

*Working of miracles

*Gifts of healings

Vocal (utterance) (say)

*Prophecy

*Tongues

*Interpretation of tongues

-The Holy Spirit changes our lifestyle, attitude, and heart by giving us the Fruits of the Spirit- Galatians 5:1-2- 16-25

Discussion Questions

1. Have you experienced the empowerment of the Holy Spirit? If so, what was your experience? If not: Would you like to receive the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.
2. What Gift of the Spirit do you think you have? Which one interests you?
3. How can we as believers strengthen our relationship with the Holy Spirit