



Power From on High

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Review

8. We can be filled with the Holy Spirit.

The filling of the Holy Spirit is different than the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16–17 “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you **forever**; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

Ephesians 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were **sealed** in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

The filling of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but **be filled** with the Spirit,

Galatians 5:22–23 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Scripture gives us two warnings

1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not **quench** the Spirit;

Ephesians 4:30 Do not **grieve** the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

1 John 1:6–9 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Today's lesson

Acts 9:32–43 Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. 33 There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed. 34 Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed.” Immediately he got up. 35 And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

Six qualities of effective personal ministry:

1. A life marked by personal _____

Acts 9:32–41 Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda.

**God moves in the lives of believers who _____
themselves to kingdom work.**

A bride for Isaac.

Genesis 24:27 He said, “Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His lovingkindness and His truth toward my master; as for me, the ***Lord has guided me*** in the way to the house of my master’s brothers.”

God moves and guides those who are engaged in serving.

Acts 9:32–41 Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he came down also to the **saints** who lived at Lydda.

“saints”

How Roman Catholicism defines “saints.”

“saints” [hagios] - to be set apart

Ephesians 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be **holy** and blameless before Him.

Acts 9:32–41 Now as Peter was traveling through all those regions, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda.

“saints” -

Philippians 4:21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.

“saint” is quantified by **“every”**

33 There he found a man named **Aeneas**, who had been bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed.

2. A life marked by _____ Christ.

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Five observations:

1. Peter was humble .

James 4:6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, “God is **opposed to the proud**, but gives grace to the humble.”

Matthew 23:12 “Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

Jeremiah 9:23–24 Thus says the Lord, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; 24 but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the Lord.

1 Corinthians 4:7 For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

1 Peter 4:11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things **God may be glorified** through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The moment we think that our success is self-created we _____ God's glory.

2. Peter did not claim to have the power to heal.

3. The order of Peter's two commands is significant.

Miracles picture two spiritual realities:

1. They picture our total inability to save ourselves.
2. They show that only God has the power to save.

Romans 5:6–8 For while we were **still helpless**, at the right time Christ died for the **ungodly**. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

4. Aeneas exercised faith.

5. His healing was permanent.

Salvation is _____.

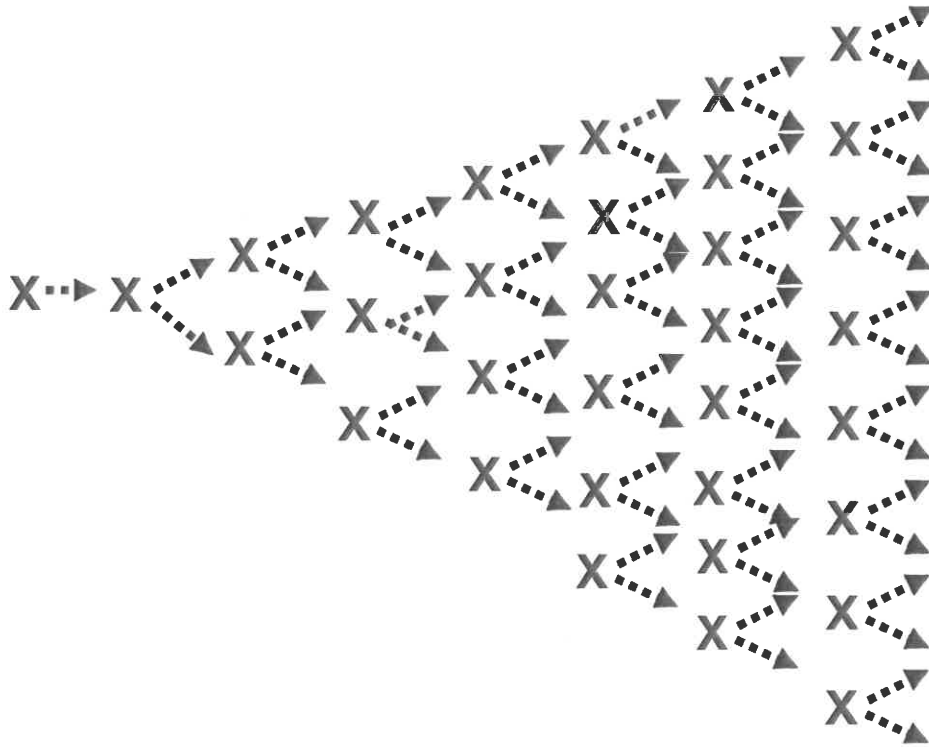
35 And ***all*** who lived at Lydda and Sharon ***saw him***, and they turned to the Lord.

“turned”

Implications

1. Nothing has a greater impact for Jesus Christ than than a life _____ by the gospel.

2. Never _____ the potential impact of one single ministry opportunity.



Discussion Guide

1. What is the difference between the baptism of the Spirit and the filling of the Spirit and why is the difference important?
2. What do we learn about God's will for our life from Genesis 24:27?
3. How is the Catholic view of "saints" different from the Protestant view and why does that difference matter in the living out of our faith?
4. In what ways should the world see Christians as different?
5. Can you trace the chain of Christian influence you have had in the lives of others?

ANSWERS: involvement, dedicate, exalting, steal, permanent, changed, underestimate