

AFTER CHURCH DEVO

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Topic: The Power of the Holy Spirit

Opening Prayer:

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." — Psalm 19:14

Read: Acts 2:1-47

Have you ever experienced a moment so powerful that it changed everything? Acts 2 captures one of the most defining moments in history—the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The disciples were gathered together when suddenly, a mighty wind filled the room, and tongues of fire rested upon them. They began speaking in other languages, proclaiming the works of God. The crowd, made up of people from various nations, was astonished. How could these uneducated Galileans speak their languages fluently? Peter stood up and preached boldly, explaining that this was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy—that God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh.

One key word in this passage is *dynamis* (δύναμις), used to describe the power given by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). This Greek word is where we get "dynamite" in English—signifying explosive, life-changing power. The same Spirit that transformed Peter from a fearful denier to a bold preacher is the Spirit that lives in every believer today.

This chapter reminds us that the Holy Spirit is not a distant force but a present reality. He empowers us to speak truth, live boldly, and share the gospel. When the people heard Peter's message, they were cut to the heart and asked, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). His response was clear: Repent and be baptized (Acts 2:38). That day, about three thousand people were added to the church.

The early church devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42). This wasn't just a one-time revival—it was the beginning of a Spirit-

filled community. We, too, are called to live in the power of the Holy Spirit, sharing the gospel and building one another up in faith.

Conclusion:

The same Holy Spirit who empowered the early church is at work today. Are we open to His leading? Are we walking in His power? Like the first believers, we are called to boldness, community, and unwavering devotion to Christ.

Discussion Questions:

For Students:

1. How does knowing that the Holy Spirit lives in you change the way you live?
2. Why do you think Peter became so bold after receiving the Holy Spirit?
3. What can you do to share Jesus with your friends, just as Peter did?

For Parents:

1. How can you invite the Holy Spirit into your home and family life?
2. What does it mean to be devoted to fellowship and breaking bread, like the early church?
3. How can you encourage your children to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance?

For Professionals:

1. How does the Holy Spirit empower you to live out your faith in your workplace?
2. In what ways can you be bold like Peter in sharing the gospel?
3. How can you foster a sense of Christian community in your daily life?

This week, take one bold step in faith—whether it's sharing the gospel with someone, praying for a coworker, or dedicating time to fellowship with other believers. Trust that the Holy Spirit will guide and empower you.