

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT THROUGH HIS PEOPLE

In the Old Testament the Spirit of God dwelt upon His people. This is referred to as the 'upon ministry', where the Spirit would rest upon particular people for a particular period or mission.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16:13

In the New Testament, as learned in this module, Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit coming to dwell in those who accepted His gift of salvation came to be.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:3-4

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:17

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There are wonderful examples in the Bible of those who accomplished great feats under the infilling and dwelling upon of the Holy Spirit.

This is the same Holy Spirit who lives in you as a believer and can accomplish so much through you!

For each of the below individuals, read the passages and answer the questions in this riveting exercise.

David

Let us look at some of the acts of David and how the Spirit of God worked mightily through him.

1 Samuel 16

Fill in what was being done in the following verses.

vs 18 -

vs 23 -

1 Samuel 17:12-58

What was the mighty act performed by David who had the Spirit of God with him?

What lesson can you learn from this to apply to your life?

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Gideon

The Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon in Judges 6, a man who thought himself to be nothing (Judges 6:15) and called him to save Israel. Read Judges 6:11-40 and answer the following.

What act did Gideon perform through the power of the Holy Spirit upon him in verses 34-35?

What difference in Gideon do you note from the time God met with him in verse 11 to verses 34 through 40 when the Spirit of God was upon him?

Liken this to your own life and the difference the Holy Spirit has made in you. Reminding yourself of this will bring a renewed appreciation and gratitude.

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What did the Holy Ghost do with Mary according to Matthew 1:18&20

Put yourself in Mary's shoes. Describe your feelings knowing this impossibility was being done in you.

Jesus

In Luke 4 we read of an account of Jesus in the wilderness. According to verse 1, who led Jesus into the wilderness and what was He doing?

Look at each encounter Jesus had with the devil. Name each one and his response.

vs 3 - 4 -

vs 5 - 8 -

vs 9 - 12 -

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Using Jesus' example, how will you respond to the enemy when he comes before you, knowing you have the backing of the Holy Spirit and angels? Forming this mentally will help in standing against the devil when he comes with temptation.

Philip

The apostle Philip performed an impossible act under the power of the Holy Spirit. Read this portion of his story in Acts 8:26-40.

What did the Spirit of the Lord do in him?

What did he do with the Ethiopian eunuch?

What happened as a result?

Will this impact your thoughts on how you go about a seemingly impossible task in the Spirit? How so?

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These examples show us what is possible under the power of the Holy Spirit. It is important not to cast away what is said to us because we deem it impossible.

God works outside of our ways and thoughts. We should never judge or restrict His instruction because our finite minds cannot perceive it.

What other Biblical examples can you find? Write them below with an application.

Person 1 and reference _____
What was the mission?

What is the lesson you can learn?

Person 2 and reference _____
What was the mission?

What is the lesson you can learn?