

POWER FOR THE MISSION

Acts 2:1-14 (Fresh Start Bible, Pg 949)

2 On the day of Pentecost^[a] all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages,^[b] as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

5 At that time, there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. 6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

7 They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, 8, and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! 9 Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, 10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” 12 They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

13 But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, “They’re just drunk, that’s all!”

1. THE PROMISE

(the arrival of the Holy Spirit)

2. THE POWER

- **Acts 1:8** “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere “
- **Col 2:13-14**
13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, forgiving all our sins. **14** He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

Eph 1:18-20
18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.^[g] **19** I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power **20** that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God’s right hand in the heavenly realms.

3. THE PRACTICE

PRACTICING THE WAY

As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.

Start the Fresh Start Pathway with a friend.

Read the Gospel of Luke.

Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or connect group)

- Read Acts 2:1-14. What do you notice within this passage?
- What are a few things that stand out?
- Is there anything in the passage that is confusing, or that you feel resistant to understanding?
- Have you experienced anything you knew for certain was a Holy Spirit or supernatural encounter?
- Read Acts 1:8. How can you be a witness to those you are around?