



# POWER

## Power 1

Over the next 6 weeks we are going to take a look at the promise of God's divine power for His people. His power, not our strength is to be the source we live from. We will dive into a number of passages which are spirit and life, which declare forth a spiritual eternal dimension which the people of God are to know and live from.

One thing which is very clear from God's perspective and reality, is that He has given His people His power to live their lives from, while here on earth. This is all part of God's promises to His people, so we are fully able to enter into this full and overflowing life within us, while at the same time serving God as His ambassadors on this earth, as if He were making His appeal through us.

***Luke 24:49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."***

***Acts 1:4-5 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.***

***Acts 1:8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."***

One of God's promise's to His church is His divine power. We can see from Luke that Jesus is the One who sends forth His Father's promise of power and this promise is to be upon His disciples. Jesus gives the instruction to His disciples that they are to stay in the city until they are clothed with this power from on high.

God is the God of absolutes and we can see from the passage below, that God gives His people through His divine power, all that they need pertaining to life and godliness.

***2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.***

God's power is to be experienced and known in a way which changes us and empowers us to live a Christ centred and focused life.

## Questions for discussion

1. Why was it so crucial that the disciples followed Jesus' instructions and waited for the Father's promised divine power?
2. What role does this holy waiting play in us receiving this divine power from on high?
3. What role does a broken and contrite heart play in receiving God's power and why?
4. How effective would the disciples have been in living a Christ centred and focused life, without His divine power operating in and through them?
5. How effective will our lives be spiritually, if we operate without His divine power today?
6. What has and is our experience of this divine power operating in our lives today?



7. How did you come to experience this divine power operating within and through you?

### **Action Point**

Lay hands on one another and pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon each member of the group.

As the leader don't be afraid of this or any manifestations of the Spirit that may come forth from this. People may start to speak in tongues or start to prophecy or give testimony to a fire going through them. Praise God and ask Him to pour out the promise of divine power upon every person including yourself.