



*52 Weeks
of Power*

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ROMANS 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

When we hear the word "power," it's easy to picture something external—like a roaring lion or the force of a linebacker running full speed toward his opponent. Power is often perceived as something visible, tangible, or overwhelming. However, what if real power functions differently? What if the most transformative power is something that starts deep within us?

When you hear the word “power,” what comes to your mind? Control, influence, maybe authority? For many, power feels unreachable—something for the strongest, smartest, or most privileged. God’s power is very different. It’s not about striving; it’s about receiving. It’s not for the elite; it’s for everyone.

For the early church, power wasn’t about authority or status. The word used in the New Testament for power—*dunamis*—means an enabling strength, the kind that comes from God. It’s about transformative work God has done in our lives.

The power of the Holy Spirit is central to the life of every believer. Romans 15:13 reminds us that God’s power enables us to live with hope, joy, and peace.

In Acts 2, we see this power demonstrated in three different ways:

- **Praise:** The believers worshipped together, declaring the wonders of God.
- **Presence:** The believers gathered in unity, filled with the Spirit.
- **Proclamation:** The believers boldly shared the gospel and thousands of lives were changed.

This same power is alive in us today, over two thousand years later. 2 Timothy 1:7 tells us, “For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” It’s a power that starts within, giving us confidence and boldness that leads to Christ-like actions—serving, loving, and sharing His truth with the world.

How would your life change if you approached every moment from a place of Spirit-filled power? Not outward strength, but inward transformation. This means trusting God in uncertainty, stepping out in boldness, and reflecting His love by our actions. What would happen if you allowed the Holy Spirit to empower and fill you?

As followers of Jesus, we are called to live with this kind of power, just like the early believers in Acts. We can be people of praise, presence, and proclamation—living out our faith and watching God work in unbelievable ways. Let's ask God to fill us with His Spirit so that we can continue to make it on earth as it is in heaven together.

READ:

Acts 2:1-47

REFLECT:

How does the power of the Holy Spirit differ from the way the world defines power? Where in your life do you need to trust God's power rather than relying on your own strength? How can you practice praise, presence, and proclamation in your daily walk with Jesus?

PRAYER:

Father, thank You for the gift of your Spirit and the power You give to live for You. Help me to trust in Your strength, not my own, and to walk in confidence, joy and peace. Fill me with Your Spirit so that I may overflow flow with hope, joy, and peace.