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*Father pour out Your Spirit on me!*

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**Zechariah 4:6** *“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the LORD of hosts.”*

I have been writing and preaching on the Holy Spirit a lot lately. I believe the Church has only seen inklings of His Power in recent years and that is why I am emphasizing His Person and Power. One thing is for certain, the Holy Spirit has been poured forth on the Church and the Church desperately needs His Power to be manifested in order to change lives, guide, direct, and enlighten all of us. If it is not by His Power, what are we trying to accomplish? The scripture listed above tells us that all of the might of men did not and cannot bring about the things of God, which only His Spirit can bring to pass. We must submit ourselves to God, but we must hunger and thirst for God’s righteousness in our lives and realize that only He can bring forth our growth and well being by His Holy Spirit. We co-operate but the Holy Spirit does the operation.

When the Holy Spirit is allowed to enter our hearts and our services He does marvelous things. Some of these things are hard to express in words. Things like when He lifts our spirits and we can sense the Presence of God in our midst and we become reverently humble before God. When He changes a life from old to something brand new that becomes so apparent that people ask, “what has happened to you?” Then we know that no man, teacher or preacher, could accomplish this, but that it is the sovereign work of the Holy Spirit confirming the Word of God and bringing it to life inside of us.

### ***Our part and God’s part***

When we are looking to do the things of God, without His Holy Spirit, we find ourselves becoming critical of others and ourselves and even become cynical in our views of life on earth. Where there doesn’t seem to be a change in others behaviors or our own, we become abundantly aware that something is missing. We know sin shall not be master over us, and yet this Word from the Bible means that God had overcome sin through Jesus Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We can try to emulate, speculate, and even irritate, but we must come to recognize and accept the fact, that without the Holy Spirit, we are doing dead works which produce nothing in the Kingdom of God.

### ***Obedience***

When the Holy Spirit’s life is infused in us, love, obedience, patience, and all of the fruits of the Holy Spirit should begin to overwhelmingly flow in us and out us toward God and our neighbors. *“It’s not by might it’s not by power but by My Spirit says the Lord.”* We do not serve God and others out of guilt or coercion, but out of the love of God that is being poured out within us by The Holy Spirit.

### ***What’s missing in the Church today?***

Our First Love. Jesus said to the Church at Ephesus; **Revelation 2:4** *‘But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.’* What begins in any Church by the reviving Power of the Holy Spirit must be held on to with great affection and fervency and seen as God accomplishing only what He can do. If we try to force these things, or forget where the Power to be Holy comes from we begin to walk in the flesh and not the Holy Spirit. In an analogy Barnes commentary states; *“If a man has become cold toward his wife, nothing is better suited to reclaim him than to recall to his recollection the time when he led her to the altar, the solemn vow then made, and the rapture of his heart when he pressed her to his bosom and called her his own.”* When a Christians starts to become cold towards God and their marriage to the Lord, they need to return to the altar at which they took the vows of marriage to God. *Jesus I invite you into my heart and I ask You to be my Lord and Savior.* Remember when you said these words to God and to His Son?

### ***Go back to the Altar and cry out to God***

How do we get revived? The same way we came to God to begin with. **Revelation 2:5** *“Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lamp stand out of its place--unless you repent.”* The Psalmist writes; **Psalm 18:6** *‘In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried to my God for help; He heard my voice out of His temple, And my cry for help before Him came into His ears.’* The Psalmist goes on to say that God delivered him from his enemies.

### ***Sincere hearts is what God requires***

There are two that know your spiritual condition. God and you. If you are not living the life God called you to and you are not committed to this life, you know it, and God knows it. That’s a great beginning for change and restoration. Every Word of God is God breathed. Remember that. God breathed. The Word of God is active and alive and has the Power, with the Holy Spirit, to accomplish anything that concerns you today and the rest of your life. All it takes is your sincere desire to please God and an honest prayer to God for help, along with the intervention of the Holy Spirit to make the effectual change that both God and you want. If you don’t want it, you won’t get it. It’s that simple.

### ***Never forget you came to God by His Grace and Grace will make a way for you***

**Ephesians 2:8-9** *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”* Martin Luther discovered that with all of the self denial and abuse afflicted upon his body by himself, could not bring him one bit closer to God. But when he discovered that Grace through faith, would bring him into right relationship with God, then and only then did he find his Pearl of Great Price, true salvation. Call upon God and He will answer you.

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