

FOR JUST AS THE BODY IS ONE AND HAS MANY MEMBERS,
AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE BODY, THOUGH MANY,
ARE ONE BODY, SO IT IS WITH CHRIST. FOR IN ONE SPIRIT WE
WERE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY—JEWS OR GREEKS,
SLAVES OR FREE—AND ALL WERE MADE TO DRINK OF ONE
SPIRIT. — 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-13



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Week 2

Day 1: Waiting for God's Power

Reading: Acts 1:1-8

Jesus instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit before launching into ministry. This wasn't passive waiting—it was expectant preparation. Sometimes God's greatest work begins not with our activity, but with our willingness to pause and receive what He wants to give. The disciples had witnessed the resurrection, but they still needed divine power to fulfill their calling. What is God asking you to wait for today? Are you trying to accomplish His purposes in your own strength? Spend time asking God to fill you afresh with His Spirit. The same power that launched the early church is available to you. Don't rush past the upper room experience in your eagerness to get to the mission field.

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Day 2: The Spirit Transforms Ordinary People

Reading: Acts 2:1-21, 37-41

Peter's transformation is stunning. This impulsive fisherman who once denied Jesus three times now boldly proclaims Christ before thousands. What changed? The Holy Spirit filled him with supernatural courage and clarity. God specializes in using ordinary people for extraordinary purposes. You don't need special training or a flawless past—you need the Spirit's power. Notice that Peter's boldness wasn't for his own benefit; it resulted in 3,000 people encountering Jesus. When God changes you internally, it produces external impact. What areas of weakness or fear have kept you from sharing your faith? The same Spirit who transformed Peter wants to work through your ordinary life. Surrender your inadequacies to Him and watch what He can do through your willingness.

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Day 3: Speaking Their Language

Reading: Acts 2:5-12; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

At Pentecost, God enabled people to hear the gospel in their own languages. Today, the Spirit still empowers us to communicate Christ in ways others can understand. You have unique relationships, experiences, and passions that position you to reach people no one else can. Your workplace, hobbies, neighborhood, and friend circles are your mission field. You don't need to master theological jargon or become someone you're not. Simply share what Jesus has done in your life using words and contexts that resonate with those around you. Who in your life would never attend church but might listen to you? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you natural bridges for spiritual conversations. Your authenticity and genuine care, empowered by God's Spirit, can open hearts that remain closed to traditional approaches.

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Day 4: Witnesses, Not Just Worshipers

Reading: Acts 4:1-20; Matthew 28:18-20

The religious leaders recognized Peter and John as men who had been with Jesus. Their transformed lives and bold witness were undeniable. The Holy Spirit's power isn't given merely for personal blessing or emotional experiences—it's for witness. God doesn't fill us so we can have better worship services; He empowers us to change the world. A witness simply tells what they've seen and experienced. When has God given you strength in weakness? Peace in chaos? Hope in disappointment? Those moments are your testimony. Don't keep them private. The Spirit gives you power not just to feel differently, but to live differently and speak courageously. Being a witness may cost you comfort, popularity, or convenience. But remember: the Spirit's power sustained martyrs through death itself. He can certainly sustain you through awkward conversations.

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Day 5: Dying to Live

Reading: Galatians 2:20; Romans 8:5-17

Following Jesus means dying to self—to selfish ambition, fear, and the craving for comfort that keeps the gospel to ourselves. This sounds harsh until we realize what we gain: the very life of Christ living through us. Paul declared, "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." This is the Spirit-filled life—not striving in our own strength, but surrendering to His power. What needs to die in your life so Christ can live more fully through you? Perhaps it's the fear of what others think, the pride that prevents vulnerability, or the busyness that crowds out prayer. Spend five minutes today asking God to baptize you afresh in His Spirit. Confess where you've been operating in your own strength. Invite His presence to work in you and through you. The same Spirit who launched the church 2,000 years ago wants to work powerfully in your life today.