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## Deeper: Living with the Holy Spirit

We want to continue to live our lives depending deeply on the Holy Spirit! This month, we look to examples who live their lives in step with the Holy Spirit and do extraordinary things to make Jesus known!

**Series Aim:** To learn that the Holy Spirit gives us power to do amazing things and tell others about Jesus!

### Outline

### Notes

1st June - Deeper Campference

HopeKids Campference 2025

#### Week #1 - 8th June 2025

**The Big Point:** The Holy Spirit Gives me Power to Help Others!

**God's Word:** Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar (Acts 3:1-10)

**Memory Verse:** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me. Acts 1:8a (NIRV)

**Application:** I will help others by depending on the Holy Spirit.

#### **Creative Video:**

 [Peter Heals A Beggar Who Ca...](#)

After learning about and experiencing going DEEPER with the Holy Spirit, we can continue to live our lives depending DEEPLY on the Holy Spirit. The apostles, exemplified this in the book of Acts. A disciple refers to a person who learns from and imitates his teachings. Peter and John used to be Jesus' disciples still on earth, travelling and learning from Jesus' everyday life. An apostle is a disciple who is sent out by Jesus to spread his message and establish churches. It is clearly how they were personally chosen by Jesus to be His apostles. The book known as Acts of the Apostles – it documents how Jesus' disciples, after His death and upbringing, are empowered by the Holy Spirit to do amazing things and bring people to know Him! **The Holy Spirit Gives me Power to Help Others!**

Today, we look into one of the instances when we see the Holy Spirit's power to live through the apostles. Peter tapped on the Holy Spirit's power to help others.

**The Holy Spirit Gives me Power to Help Others!**

#### **READ ACTS 3: 1-10**

#### **Verses 1-3: The Crippled Man at the Temple Gate**

This man was crippled from birth. To be crippled in Bible times meant being dependent on others for everything. Thus, this crippled man had no money. In the condition he was in, including financially. The man also had good friends. The temple gate called Beautiful could help his predicament. There were people who gave alms-giving – giving to the poor, especially beggars – in Judaism, the Jews. They believed that doing so is an act of righteousness. The crippled man, seeing the righteousness, kindness and piety of the religious who were making their way into the house of God. This crippled man then happened to come across Peter and John. They were once Jesus' own disciples. They were making their way into the temple. The man naturally asked them for money.

#### ***Verses 4-6: Peter addressed the Crippled Man***

The crippled man must have been happy and encouraged when Peter addressed him. Most people who want to ignore beggars are careful to not make eye contact. When Peter looked at the crippled man so intently, the man probably thought Peter was looking at him, resulting in him returning the eye contact with Peter and John, having faith in their generosity. The crippled man was right to be expecting something, and he was given much more than what he had expected.

From Peter's words, "I don't have any silver or gold", we know that Peter did not have authority from Jesus to heal the sick "what I do have I give you". The disciples had much and their Rabbi (Jesus) was no longer with them. Even though they had the power of the risen Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and they wanted to help the people, they were not able to. Thus, he declared, "in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk". Peter used the man in the name of Jesus to invoke Jesus' power and presence.

#### ***Verses 7-10: The Healing of the Crippled Man***

Just like how Jesus healed the blind man by making mud and placing it on his eyes, Peter did not just tell the lame man to get up and walk, but he took the crippled man's hand to lift him up to his feet. Peter was also choosing to help the man. At this, immediately the crippled man's feet and bones were healed. This happened till Peter exercised faith and compassion: as Peter told the man to get up and walk, until Peter took him by the right hand and lifted him up.

As strength entered the crippled man's feet and bones, it was the work of the Holy Spirit who healed him and brought him healing. As soon as he was healed, the former cripple was able to do things: entered the temple together with the apostles, immediately began praising God, and him by walking and leaping and he brought the glory back to God and the Father. This man experienced the healing that was made possible only by the power of the Holy Spirit!

#### ***Link to the Big Point / Deeper***

The crippled man experienced amazing healing that comes from the power of the Holy Spirit. He was only able to tap upon the power of the Holy Spirit because he has known Jesus. As a disciple of Jesus, he has gone through life with Jesus and came to know Jesus. He was also getting to know the heart and the love of Father God. After Jesus ascended to heaven, He received the Holy Spirit, the spirit of God who is always with us. Peter, in the presence of the Holy Spirit and depended on the Holy Spirit to do what Jesus wanted Him to do – to go and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to follow Jesus. Knowing the Holy Spirit was what helped him to be able to do what Jesus would. **The Holy Spirit gives power to Peter to help others!** If Peter was not able to do much, with the help of the Holy Spirit, he was given power to do what Jesus wanted.

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>amazing ways that helps others, and even getting others to come to know Jesus!</p> <p><b>Holy Spirit gives power to Peter to help others!</b> The crippled man who couldn't walk, he also came to know God, singing and dancing in his amazement!</p> <p><b>Link to Gospel / Big Point</b></p> <p>In the same way, we too, can do amazing things to help others and glorify the Holy spirit – but we first have to know and believe in Him for ourselves. We can live life with Him and His love. But this all changed because we discovered the Bible tells us how all people have sin in our lives and the results of that is death. Even so, God still loves us and sent Jesus to be born on earth to save us all by giving his life to pay the price of our sins on the cross. But Jesus came back to life on the third day showing He really had the power to overcome death! When we believe in Jesus, we allow the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts. As we come to grow and know the Holy Spirit more, we are going to be able to help us in our lives – how we treat others and how we follow God. We can ask for help in how to go deeper with God and we can tap on the Holy Spirit to help them come to know Jesus too! <b>The Holy Spirit Gives Me Power</b></p>                                                                    |
| <p><b><u>Week #2 - 15th June 2025</u></b></p> <p><b>The Big Point:</b> The Holy Spirit Gives me Power to do God's Work!</p> <p><b>God's Word:</b> Peter Escapes From Prison (Acts 12:1-18)</p> <p><b>Memory Verse:</b> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me. Acts 1:8a (NIRV)</p> <p><b>Application:</b> I can keep doing God's Work knowing the Holy Spirit watches over me.</p> <p><b>Creative Video:</b></p> <p> <a href="#">Peter Escapes from Prison   S...</a></p> | <p>Going DEEPER with the Holy Spirit is something we need to do, depending DEEPLY on the Holy Spirit. Last week, we learnt that the Holy Spirit helps us as well as helping others to know Him. This week we will learn to keep on doing God's work, even when challenges come our way. The Holy Spirit helps us to keep on doing God's work.</p> <p>We learn this from Peter's experience in Acts 12:1-18 – placed in prison, unknown, God miraculously helped him escape prison and also granted the gospel in the process.</p> <p><b>READ Acts 12:1-18</b></p> <p><b>V1-5 Peter was taken to be put in Prison</b></p> <p>At the time of the story, even though many people were coming to know Jesus, He accepted Jesus as God. In fact, some of the Jews, the group of God's people, didn't believe in God and the promised one who came to save all people. To be like King Herod was said to treat Christians badly, persecuting them and killing them because they believed in Jesus. King Herod too, did not believe in Jesus. So he made it a wrong and bad thing to tell people to believe in Jesus. So he made it a wrong and bad thing to tell people to believe in Jesus.</p> <p>It was King Herod who had James, John's brother and one of the 12 apostles of Jesus, taken and then killed with a sword. As that seemed to have</p> |

Jews, King Herod arrested Peter and put Peter in prison, hoping to kill James and be liked by more unbelieving Jews. Peter was heavily guarded by four soldiers each before putting him on trial after the Passover feast. King Herod asked questions to see if he did anything wrong. King Herod wanted Peter killed like how James was killed. Even though Peter was doing things for Jesus, King Herod of that time had made it a wrong and bad thing to do about Jesus. The Christians and the people of the church heard this and prayed hard to God for Peter to be safe. The mention of earnest prayer comes as a next step in building the church is due to God's blessing and supernatural power of the Holy Spirit's power and protection.

Peter was taken and put in prison on the Days of Unleavened Bread, a festival that unites Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, festivals considered holy and not to be desecrated by an execution. The Jews wanted to put Peter on trial only after the Passover feast because the Jews were considered holy and not to be desecrated by an execution. The trial was held in the Tower of Antonia, which was at the northwestern corner of the Temple quarters of the Roman garrison. The use of four groups of soldiers (squad) of four soldiers for each of the four three-hour watches of the entire spring festival that unites Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

#### **V6-12 An Angel Appeared to Peter to Rescue Him**

Peter was indeed heavily guarded, held with two chains and sleeping. Two soldiers were standing guard at the entrance of his prison cell. On the morning of the trial, an angel appeared to Peter within the prison cell and woke him. The angel fell off Peter's wrist, miraculously unlocked. The angel also told him to take his coat and to follow him. Throughout all these, Peter was half asleep and didn't know where to go and what to do. They went through the prison cell door to the iron gate leading to the city, it opened for them by itself and they went out.

Throughout all these, Peter remained in a stupor, thinking it was a dream. All the way till the angel left him after leading him into a side street in Jerusalem, it was really happening, Peter acknowledged that it was God and spared him of the fate of being killed and bringing him out of prison. Mary – Mary is the mother of John Mark, a Christian who accompanied Paul in missionary journeys. Mary's house was where all the believers were praying together.

#### **V13-17 Peter Appeared to the Christians Safe and Sound**

Peter made it to Mary's house and knocked at the outer entrance where Rhoda was to answer the door. Rhoda must have known that the Christians were praying together.

she was so excited when recognised Peter's voice and knew it was time to tell the believers without opening the door for Peter. Rhoda's failure to open the door adds a touch of humor and heightens the suspense. The Christians waited despite her insistence and only with Peter's consistent knocking did they open the door and saw Peter safe and sound. They were amazed at what God had done and told James, the brother of Jesus and the other Christians before the next morning, the guards were bewildered at what had happened as the prisoners had gone.

**For context:** If we read on in Acts 12:19, we will know that King Herod Agrippa I was responsible for their failure to guard Peter and/or find him. Herod was following Roman law. Roman soldiers who lost their prisoners were subject to the same penalty as the soldiers. If the soldiers knew that their lives were at stake, they certainly would have been guarding Peter, showing that indeed, it was the miraculous intervention of God that saved Peter.

#### **Link to the Big Point / Deeper**

Peter lived his life depending deeply on the Holy Spirit and doing God's work for Jesus. **The Holy Spirit gives us power to do God's Work!** However, Peter was about to be tried and put to death as King Herod did to James – that was the end of the story before God's intervention. Even so, God is always with us. God still had things for Peter to accomplish before calling Peter back to life. An angel to help him escape prison. **The Holy Spirit was with Peter and gave him the strength and power to do God's Work.** And at the same time, God was working, also listening to the prayers of fellow believers and Christians. **God gives us the power to continue doing God's Work!**

#### **Link to Gospel / Big Point**

In the same way, we too, can depend on the **Holy Spirit for power** to live our lives, even when things get tough. But we first have to know who we are and where we are. We are all created by God to live life with Him and His love. But this is not how it was. We were created by God and fell into sin. The Bible tells us how all people have sin in our lives and are separated from God and death. Even so, God still loves us and sent His Son, Jesus, who was born actually to save us all by giving his life to pay the price of our sin. Jesus is from God, He came back to life on the third day showing Himself to be the Son of God from sin and death! When we believe in Jesus, we allow the Holy Spirit to live in us and lead to eternal life. As we come to grow and know the Holy Spirit more, we are able to live and letting Him help us in our lives – how we treat others and how we live our lives as well! We can ask the Holy Spirit for help in how to go deeper into our faith and persevere doing God's Work! **The Holy Spirit gives us power to continue doing God's Work!**

**Week #3 - 22nd June 2025 (FUN DAY)**

**The Big Point:** The Holy Spirit Gives Me Power to Follow Jesus!

**God's Word:** Paul's Suffering for the Gospel (Acts 9:1-19, Philippians 3: 7-10, 2 Corinthians 11: 16-33)

**Memory Verse:** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me. Acts 1:8a (NIRV)

**Application:** I will rely on the Holy Spirit to continue following Jesus.

**Creative Video:**

 [God's Story: Paul](#) or

 [Paul's Ministry](#)

We have been learning about how to live our lives deep with the Holy Spirit and His power. He gives us the power to help others and tell people about Jesus. The Holy Spirit also gives us power to do God's Work. Today, we will also learn about the power to follow Jesus and to keep on following Jesus even when it's hard. We will learn this from the life of Paul – his life was radically changed by God. God blinded him and helped him see the truth about who Jesus is and how to follow Him.

Ever since finding Jesus, and starting to follow Him, the Holy Spirit has helped Paul know God, love God and lived His life obeying and serving God. However, following Jesus Paul's life only became harder and harder, following one hardship after another. Paul gave up following Jesus and instead, kept on going and enduring because he loved Him. The Holy Spirit gave Paul power to follow Him and also to keep on following Him when it's hard. The Holy Spirit gave Paul power to know Jesus and to follow Him deeper and deeper with God and also to follow Him, even when things were hard.

**Holy Spirit Gives Me Power to Follow Jesus.**

**READ Acts 9:1-19, Philippians 3: 7-10, 2 Corinthians 11: 16-33**

**Watch**  [God's Story: Paul](#) or  [Paul's Ministry](#) as an overview

**Part 1: Paul Becomes a Believer of Jesus (Acts 9:1-19)**

Paul, also known as Saul, was born as a Jew from a city called Tarsus, which was a Jewish people know as the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament). Paul knows the Old Testament scriptures very well. He was qualified to be a high priest and definitely ranked high in the Jewish religious system. He was alive and well until he was just crucified. Even though Paul grew up studying the law of following Jesus, he was the son of God and the promised Messiah who will save them. However, Paul treated the believers and followers of Jesus badly. He went around persecuting Jesus and persecuting (to treat badly) them by throwing them in jail and killing them. Yet, God had a plan for Paul to come to know Him, follow Him and love Him.

**V3-4** While travelling one day, Paul was met by a great light from heaven which was to be even brighter than the sun. The brightness made him fall to the ground. He heard the voice of Jesus calling out "Saul, Saul, why are you opposing me?" Jesus' response shows his close identity with his followers: to persecute Christians. Paul eventually realised that it was Jesus Himself, speaking to him from heaven.

**V5-6** Paul questioned the voice, asking, "Who are you, Lord?", to which Jesus replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." The risen Christ Jesus showed this man who had persecuted, hurt, harmed and killed so many of Jesus' followers. Yet, God had a plan for Paul, since He was the one who had created him.

with such zeal and believed that Paul could use the same zeal to spread the Gospel. He spoke to him kindly, giving him instructions on what to do next.

**V7** Paul's companions heard the voice but saw no one. In his later testimony, Paul told them they saw the light but not understanding the voice (Acts 22:9). They heard the message to Paul, but they could testify to a brilliant light, which was an objective event that was not a matter of Paul's imagination.

**V8-9** After the encounter, Paul could open his eyes but could not see. This blindness should not be seen as punishment but as a result of the intensity of the light. However, like the deaf-muteness of Zechariah in Luke 1, it was designed for reflection of his actions so far. It is also at this time that Saul realised his need and was repentant, knowing now that Jesus was indeed the Son of God and the Messiah.

**V10-16** At this point, while Saul was in deep reflection through his blindness, Ananias, a disciple from Damascus, telling him clear instructions to minister to Saul. Ananias helped in the recovery of his sight and meet his needs. Ananias was willing to obey despite the reputation of Saul as a great persecutor of all who believe in Jesus. He was called in v15-16 of Saul's special calling to become a chosen instrument to carry the Gospel to the Gentiles and how much Saul will have to suffer for the Gospel.

**V17-19** Ananias obeyed and following God's instructions, came face to face with Saul and ministered to Saul's need for healing, laying down his hands on Saul. This was a demonstration of the invisible power of the Holy Spirit coming to heal Saul from his blindness. Ananias himself said to Saul to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. This was like scales fell from his eyes, which was also a symbol that Saul's spirit was cleansed and he could now see and understand the truth of Jesus Christ. He accepted the Holy Spirit and believes in the truth of Jesus' love and power. He was once a terrible sinner who persecuted Jesus and His followers, but now around and through baptism, made an immediate public declaration of his faith in Jesus as Messiah.

This encounter with Jesus caused Paul to confront the truth of Jesus who had died to save all people. Paul then started believing in Jesus as saviour of the world, and started his journey of getting to know God and His will through the Torah.

#### **Paul on knowing God: Philippians 3:7-10**

After becoming a believer of Jesus and going deeper with Jesus knowledge, Paul was said to consider all things to be rubbish compared to knowing God. This shows that Paul has received the Holy Spirit and has the Holy Spirit within him.

guidance, we see that Paul truly learnt to know God and love God, to be right with God is not about doing all that is right (what he believed in Jesus), but from believing in what Jesus did and His love. Knowing Jesus for a while, Paul still wanted to know Jesus more and

## **Part 2: Paul's Work in Telling People about Jesus (Focus: 2 Corinthians)**

After Paul became a believer and learnt to know God more, he also wanted to share the love of God with others. He simply could not keep the knowledge of the love of God to himself. Paul became a powerful force of the Gospel and became a missionary, going to many places to tell people about Jesus and His love. Paul made many missions and fervently preached the Gospel at any opportunity. He became an evangelist, spreading the love of Jesus and starting new churches in new cities. With guidance, he wrote many books of the Bible in the New Testament, known as the Epistles. However, all of these amazing stories come with many hardships. Paul's journey is described in 2 Corinthians 11:16-33.

Paul did not easily and happily go from city to city simply to tell people about Jesus. It was a journey of hardship and pain. And certainly, not all people wanted to hear about Jesus. Paul needed the Holy Spirit to help him through and got into difficult times:

- Paul got himself beaten up (2 Cor 11:20-21, Acts 23:2)
- Paul was flogged with a whip up to 39 times on 5 different occasions, which at that time, was not yet believed to be true. (2 Cor 11:22-23, Acts 13:14-43; Acts 17:1-3; Acts 17:10-21)
- Paul was beaten up with rods up to 3 times, as it was the Germanic custom for peace (2 Cor 11:25 - Acts 16:22-23, 35-38; 22:25-29, 1 Thess 2:14-15) the gospel.
- Paul was even stoned once, in Lystra for having healed a cripple, who was a Gentile. (2 Cor 11:25 - Acts 14:5-19)
- Paul had also shipwrecked up to 3 times at the point of various missionary journeys to new places to tell people about Jesus. The description of shipwrecks and other dangerous aspects of his journey in ancient travel narratives, even if Paul's experiences were exaggerated, as archaeologists have identified many ancient shipwrecked boats.

This does not yet include one more shipwreck in Acts 27, and multiple hardships simply because of his zeal in sharing the gospel and love of God to others. In all those moments of hardship, we can be sure that even Paul experienced the love and grace of God and **with the Holy Spirit's help, he was following and obeying Jesus.**

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| <p><b><u>Week #4 - 29th June 2025</u></b></p> <p><b>The Big Point:</b> The Holy Spirit Gives me Power to do Miracles and Point People to Jesus!</p> <p><b>God's Word:</b> Peter Heals Aeneas and Dorcas (Acts 9:32-42)</p> <p><b>Memory Verse:</b> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell people about me. Acts 1:8a (NIRV)</p> <p><b>Application:</b> I will rely on the Holy Spirit to do good and point people to Jesus.</p> <p><b>Creative Video:</b></p> <p> <a href="#">Tabitha   Bible Story   LifeKids</a></p> | <p>This is the last week of this series learning about how to live our lives. So, we live our lives depending on the Holy Spirit, knowing that He is helping us do all that God wants us to do. The Holy Spirit gives us power to help us do God's work and follow Jesus even when it's hard. In this week, the Holy Spirit gives us power to do miracles and in doing so, point people to Jesus!</p> <p>We will learn this from another of Peter's experiences in the book of Acts. When he had power, he healed Aeneas and even raised the life of a woman named Tabitha. Peter told about the miracles as it was all to point people back to Jesus! We tell about miracles, signs and wonders to be witnessed by non-Christians so that they can see the power of God and the Gospel. Often, these miracles point people back to Jesus and put their faith and trust in Jesus! <b>The Holy Spirit Gives Me Power to Follow Jesus.</b></p> <p><b>READ Acts 9:32-42</b></p> <p><b>V32-34 The Healing of Aeneas</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

Peter was said to be travelling around the country to visit the Christians. He was 37 km northwest of Jerusalem on the road to Joppa. While he was there, he met a man named Aeneas who had been bedridden for eight years, showing that we see Peter boldly tapping into the power of the Holy Spirit to bring healing. As we saw in week #1's lesson, Peter used the Holy Spirit's power to heal. Similar to what he did in Acts 3 when healing the crippled beggar, Peter said, "Jesus Christ heals you!" to invoke Jesus' power and presence to heal Aeneas. The Holy Spirit, through the Holy Spirit, is invisibly working to build His church. Aeneas got up, and rolled up his mat and he was able to do it right away. All the people who were there and were said to come to the Lord – to come to believe in Jesus.

### **V35 Many People came to Believe in Jesus**

As is often the case in Acts, miracles such as this healing led to the good news spread beyond the town of Lydda to the whole coastal plain of Judea. Peter used the Holy Spirit's power to do miracles in order to point them to Jesus, in hope that they would believe. Indeed, **the Holy Spirit Gives Me Power to Point People to Jesus.**

### **V36-42 Peter Raised the Life of Dorcas**

The Bible then tells us of a follower and believer of Jesus, Tabitha whose name, Dorcas who lived in Joppa. Dorcas was an ordinary woman who loved God and lived her life marked with compassion. She was said to help the poor people she sees. We see that in Acts 9:37, Dorcas fell sick and died. The Christians were saddened by her death, especially widows - women whose husbands were dead. Widows were badly treated and were of little value. Having lost their husbands, they were generally poor with no earnings/income. Very few people paid attention to them, but Dorcas had cared for them and used what she knew how to do to make their lives better. From V39, we knew that Dorcas knew how to sew and make clothes, and she did to help the widows and made their lives slightly better.

In V38, we knew that when the Christians heard that Peter was near, they came right away. This tells us that the Christians seem to think that the Holy Spirit's power was present in the apostles, including Peter. It also tells us that Dorcas, hoping for Peter to be able to do something for Dorcas, died. When it happened to her. He then sent all the people out of the room to pray for her. Peter got on his knees and told Tabitha to get up and she opened her eyes, alive. Peter said in his own words, but the Holy Spirit was with him. The Lord had shown him in response to Peter's prayer, and he imparted to Peter's heart the power to go and restore Tabitha to life as Peter spoke.

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|           | <p>In V41, Peter was also said to take her by her hand and help her up – a mirror of what happened in Acts 3 when Peter healed the crippled beggar. He got up, but out of compassion, he took her by the hand to help her up. In most versions of the Bible (e.g. ESV), the wording used was Peter “gave her life.” The Greek verb for “raised her” is the same word used throughout the Bible for resurrection (Gk. <i>anistēmi</i>). Though her restoration to life was not the same as the resurrection of Christians of their promised resurrection and new life in Christ. The disciples and saw that Dorcas was alive again and the word of the miracle of her restoration spread over Joppa. Once again, many came to believe in the Lord after the miracle. Again there is the pattern that remarkable miracles lead to the growth of the church – more genuine conversions as more people put their trust in Jesus. Peter had the power to do miracles, and in doing so, pointed people to Jesus. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to believe in Jesus. <b>The Holy Spirit Gives Me Power to Point People to Jesus.</b></p> <p><b>Link to the Big Point / Deeper</b></p> <p>The stories shared today are simple and yet amazing miracles – a disabled man who was able to walk again. A kind woman who died and was then brought back to life by the Holy Spirit. These are things that could only happen because of the power of the Holy Spirit. In his own, Peter was not able to do much, with the help of the Holy Spirit he did. He did miracles in order to point people to Jesus, in hope for them to come to faith in Him. <b>Holy Spirit Gave Peter Power to Point People to Jesus.</b> In the same way, we have the <b>Power to Point People to Jesus</b> too, but in order to do so, we have to be filled with the Holy Spirit and obey.</p> <p><b>Link to Gospel / Big Point</b></p> <p>As mentioned, we too, can do miracles and <b>point people to Jesus</b> with the power from the Holy spirit – but we first have to know and believe in Him first. We need God to live life with Him and His love. But this all changed because of Jesus. The Bible tells us how all people have sin in our lives and the result is separation from God and death. Even so, God still loves us and sent Jesus to be born on earth to save us all by giving his life to pay the price of our sins on the cross. Jesus came back to life on the third day showing He really had the power to overcome death. When we believe in Jesus, we allow the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts. As we come to grow and know the Holy Spirit more, we are going to be able to help us in our lives – how we treat others and how we follow God and His commands. We do to point people to Jesus! We can ask the Holy Spirit for help in how to use the power to tap on the Holy Spirit’s power to do miracles - or even just good deeds. <b>Holy Spirit Gives me Power to Point People to Jesus!</b></p> |
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