



PODCAST

50 DAYS OF POWER DAY 1

Scripture:

"...You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." - Acts 1:8

Observation:

The power to be an effective witness of Christ comes from the Holy Spirit. In Acts 2, after the disciples had prayed together for fifty days, the Holy Spirit came down and filled the disciples. On this day the disciples were baptized in the Holy Spirit and transformed into bold, on fire witnesses of Christ. In other words, they were filled up to overflowing. When this happened they began to speak in other languages and boldly proclaim the gospel to the nations. Peter, who once denied Christ out of fear, began to boldly and unashamedly tell everyone around him about the gospel of Jesus. The Holy Spirit moved powerfully on the people listening and three thousand souls were saved and added to the Church on this great day of Pentecost.

Application:

To be an effective witness for Christ you must first get filled with the Holy Spirit. On Sunday, pastor Aaron talked about Nicky Cruz, New York's most wicked gangster who surrendered his life to Jesus. But even after being saved, he still struggled with the old gangster Nicky until he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. After meeting with Dean Lopez of the ministry school Nicky was attending in California, he realized all he had to do was receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit in faith. After that meeting Nicky began desperately asking the Holy Spirit to fill him up so that he could obey. After a few days, the Holy Spirit fell and Nicky was transformed into a new man who went back on the streets of New York and led more people to Christ in American history other than Billy Graham. Like Nicky Cruz, we should seek for the Holy Spirit to fill us up to overflowing. All we have to do is ask in faith and receive. As we get filled, we give out of the overflow of the Spirit's presence in our life. Are you ready to take the time to get filled up with the Holy Spirit each day? It's time to amp up your prayer life these next 50 days. Spend extra time praying in the Spirit, giving thanksgiving, and praying the word each day these next 50 days. Let the Holy Spirit fill you up to overflowing so you can be a bold and loving witness to everyone you encounter.

Prayer:

Holy Spirit, fill me up this hour! I want to be filled to overflowing. Baptize me with your love, your joy, your presence! Make me a bold witness of Christ! In the mighty Name of Jesus, amen.