### **Study Continued**

9. Read Ephesians 6:10-18. This passage begins with the words, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power..." From the whole passage, what is necessary to be able to stand strong in the Lord and in His mighty power?

How do we accomplish this, what is our part?

10. Read Acts 4:23-31. From this passage, what were the people asking for? (Especially read verse 29-30). Notice, what they don't pray for. There is nothing in this prayer where they ask for God to protect them, or to stop the persecution.

11. What was the result of their prayer?





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# Lessons from the life of Peter



"I believe firmly that the moment our hearts are emptied of pride and selfishness and ambition and everything that is contrary to God's law, the Holy Spirit will fill every corner of our hearts. But if we are full of pride and conceit and ambition and the world, there is no room for the Spirit of God. We must be emptied before we can be filled." Dwight L. Moody

Empowered follower	Acts 4:8-13
Overcoming failure	John 21:15-19
Commitment to follow	John 6:60-69
Called to follow	Luke 5:1-11

#### Empowered Follower Acts 4:8-13

1 John 4:4	_ is He that is on you than he that is in the world
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Acts 1:8 You will receive \_\_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes upon you...

## **ORDINARY PEOPLE**

Background (Acts 3):

Acts 4:5-7 The Sanhedrin:

1 Corinthians 1:26-27

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ .... Peter:

Peter's message: (Acts 4:8-12)

2 Corinthians 4:7 We have this treasure in \_\_\_\_\_\_ to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Acts 4:13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## EXTRAORDINARY POWER

Acts 4:14-18 The rulers response to Peter and John:

Ephesians 6:10 Be strong in the Lord and in His \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_. Armour of God:

- 2 Timothy 1:7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us...
- Acts 4:19-20 Peter & John's reply "...As for us, \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ about what we have seen and heard."

- 1. Read Acts 3:1-10. Put yourself in the Temple when this happened. Imagine the excitement, and the conversations that took place. What would you have said to someone who hadn't been there at the time?
- 2. Read Acts 3:11-26. From Peter's speech to those who were there, what stands out most to you?
- 3. Read Acts 4:1-7. What was the response of the religious leaders? Why do you think they responded in this way?
- 4. Read Acts 4:8-12. What was it that caused Peter to be so bold in speaking to these religious leaders? Remember, these are the same people that all the disciples were afraid of, and why they hid behind locked doors, just a few weeks before (See John 20:19 and 26).
- 5. Read Acts 1:1-8. This was subsequent to receiving the Holy Spirit while they were in the house with the doors locked for fear of the Jews (See John 20:21-22). God empowered His disciples, not just his apostles, to enable them to fulfill the ministry to which they had been called. What is necessary for us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Read DL Moody's quote on the front cover. That's what was happening with Peter when Jesus was asking him three times, "do you love me more than these," (Read John 21:15-19).
- 6. Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 and 2 Corinthians 4:7-11. What do these verses say about who God uses and how and why?
- 7. Read Acts 4:13-18. From verse 13, what did they see in Peter and John?
- 8. Read Acts 4:19-20. Peter and John said that they could not help speaking about what they had seen and heard. What does this say about their relationship with God, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in their lives?

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