

MSG: POWER-FILLED

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-8, 42-47 CSB

BREAK 2: RESTORING LIKE JESUS

Acts 2:1-8 CSB

“When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on each one of them. Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven. When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that each of us can hear them in our own native language?”

Acts 2:42-47 CSB

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as any had need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.”

Intro:

1. POWER-FILLED TO CLARIFY GOD’S DIRECTION.

Acts 1:4-8 CSB

“While he was with them, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father’s promise. “Which,” he said, “you have heard me speak about; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit in a few days.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

-HIS INSTRUCTIONS BECOME CLEAR IN YOUR WAITING ON HIM.

-WAIT ON THE WORD FROM GOD TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTION, THE WISDOM AND THE INSTRUCTIONS OF A GOOD STEWARD.

Matthew 4:4 ESV

“But he answered, “It is written, ““Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

YOU GOT BREAD BUT YOU DON’T GOT BREAD!

YOU GOT BREAD BUT YOU’RE STARVING!

YOU GOT BREAD BUT YOU'RE FAMISHED!

YOU GOT BREAD BUT YOUR'RE NOT EATING!

Acts 2:42 CSB

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer."

WISDOM TO BE A GOOD STEWARD COMES FROM THE WORD OF GOD.

-Your money alone can never feed you -The Word of the Lord is YOUR sustenance

2. POWER-FILLED TO GENERATE WORSHIP WITH THE INHERITANCE

John 4:23-24 NIV

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

True worshipers in spirit and truth.

-GENEROSITY CREATES AN ENVIRONMENT OF WORSHIP

-It meets needs but it also creates thanks

Acts 2:46-47 CSB

"Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with joyful and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US THE POWER TO WILLINGLY AND FREELY BECOME GENEROUS

Zechariah 4:6 NIV

"So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty."

-Generosity in Obedience to the truth displays the Glory of God

-It's not about coercion, it's exemplifying truth of generosity that testifies to the truth of God is who he is.

-GENEROSITY HAS COMMUNAL IMPLICATIONS OF RESTORATION

-GENEROSITY EXPOSES THE GRACE OF GOD ON YOUR LIFE TO BRING RESTORATION

-JESUS WAS FULL ... "Full of Grace and Truth", TO BRING RESTORATION.

-GENEROSITY IS THE MECHANISM THE LORD USES TO BRING RESTORATION

DON'T ENVY THE RICHES OF THE WICKED

Job 18:5 NLT

“Surely the light of the wicked will be snuffed out. The sparks of their fire will not glow.”

Some of ya'll hustlin' doing shady business, "kinda legal" or flat out illegal money means. Stressin' and still coming up short!

God does not honor that foolishness!

GENERATE YOUR INHERITANCE

Jeremiah 12:15-17 CSB

“After I have uprooted them, I will once again have compassion on them and return each one to his inheritance and to his land. If they will diligently learn the ways of my people — to swear by my name, ‘As the Lord lives,’ just as they taught my people to swear by Baal — they will be built up among my people. However, if they will not obey, then I will uproot and destroy that nation.” This is the Lord’s declaration.”

**HONESTY CREATES INTIMACY,
INTIMACY CREATES CLARITY.**

-Jeremiah figured this out through

-HONESTLY KNOWING GOD INTIMATELY, CLARIFIES HIS DIRECTION TO MAKE SOUND GODLY DECISIONS WITH MONEY.

-Your Inheritance is laid aside in your obedience to trust God at his Word.

3. POWER-FILLED TO RESTORE YOUR DREAM & YOUR VISION

Joel 2:25-28 ESV

“I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. “You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.”

THE DREAM WAS WORTH THE PAIN.
HIS VISION FOR YOU WILL BE WORTH THE WAITING.

THE TRANSCENDENCE OF GOD - God is outside of humanity's full experience, perception or grasp. God exists outside of space and time

THE IMMANENCE OF GOD - God is knowable, perceivable or graspable. God is present within space and time.

**HE IS TRANSCENDENT FOR US TO WORSHIP HIM.
HE IS IMMANENT FOR HIM TO WALK WITH US.**

HE LIVES OUTSIDE OF TIME YET HE OPERATES IN TIME.

TIME IS SIMPLY A TOOL GOD USES TO ORDER OUR STEPS FOR HIS PURPOSES.

TIME IS NOT OUR GOD! MONEY IS NOT OUR GOD!

FOR I WILL RESTORE TO YOU THE YEARS THAT THE CANKER WORM HAS DEVoured.

Galatians 6:9 NIV

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

“THE SOUND OF THE WIND OF SILENCES THE NOISE OF CONFUSION”

Acts 2:2 CSB

“Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying.”

*****PROPHETIC WORD*****

“YOU WILL BE EQUIPPED TO MANAGE WELL,

YOU WILL BE DEVELOPED IN MY CHARACTER.

I AM PREPARING YOU TO DISTRIBUTE WELL.

TO RESTORE WHAT THE ADVERSARY ATTEMPTED TO DAMAGE.

SO BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT.

FOR MY GLORY,” SAYS THE LORD.