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Location: Solomon's Porch Hong Kong

Focus: Holy Spirit

Theme: Missions

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Title: Holy Spirit, I Need You: The Father's Mission

Introduction:

- Theme: O Come Holy Spirit
 - For what purpose?

Connect:

- Lead with Prayer

Interrogative:

- Our lives cause ripple effects into the lives of others. What will be the ripple effect of the life that God has called you to? Whatever it is, you cannot do it alone, but He promises to be with you and go with you.

Biblical Truth: I cannot BE and DO what God has called me to BE and DO without the Holy Spirit

- SP Mission: To know Him. To be like Him. To make Him known
- It is the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives that enables us to know Him. To be like Him. To make Him known

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11 (ESV)

Prayer

- Holy Spirit I need you, I cannot be and do what you have called me to be and do without you. Holy Spirit, I need you.

REVIEW

ESSENTIALS

1. The Father's Promise
2. The Father's Authority
3. The Father's Empowerment
4. The Father's Mission

Scripture Context: Jesus has died and resurrected, and he gathers his disciples one last time before he ascends to the Father. These are some of Jesus' last words to his disciples as he commissions them to go.

Scripture: "...wait for the promise of the Father...you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." V:4-5

1. The Father's Promise

- a. The Holy Spirit is a person, He is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants the Holy Spirit to all who believe. That is the Father's Promise for you to receive the Holy Spirit.
 - i. We can have an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit who is there to guide us, comfort us, lead us, give us peace, counsel us, bring conviction of sin, empower us and transform our lives.

Scripture: "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority" v:7

2. The Father's Authority

- a. The disciples longed for the end time when they believed God would restore the kingdom of Israel, however Jesus' vision is far greater than a political kingdom. Jesus' focus is the kingdom of God
 - i. We surrender to God's timing and authority

Scripture: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."

3. The Father's Empowerment

- a. The Holy Spirit helps us to live empowered lives to **BE** and **DO** what God has called us to **BE** and **DO** by **dwelling in us**. The source of our empowerment is not **ourselves** but **the Holy Spirit who dwells in us**.

Transition: O Come Holy Spirit. For what purpose? The empowerment of the Holy Spirit goes beyond working in us , the Holy Spirit empowers us to work through our lives.

Scripture Focus Reading: Acts 1:8

“But 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.”

ESSENTIAL

1. The Father’s Mission

SERMON FOCUS

Scripture: “...and you will be my witnesses...”

1. The Father’s Mission

a. And

- i. A conjunction here is used to convey connection between a similar idea of both equal importance
- ii. Receive Power and You will be My Witnesses
 1. Power and Witness are of both equal importance.
 2. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses

b. You will be

- i. Who has He chosen? **YOU**
- ii. Yes You and I, In all our imperfections, woundedness, and brokenness he chooses us.
- iii. “But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power **belongs to God and not to us.**” 2 Corinthians 4:7

c. My Witnesses

- i. We witness about Jesus
 1. It is not about us, it is not about SP, it is about Jesus.
- ii. We witness what we have Seen, Heard, and Know
- iii. We Witness with our Being and Doing
 1. Our Being
 - a. The gospel is proclaimed in our lives by how it transforms us in making us new people. By how we live our lives. Our character.
 2. Our Doing

- a. By proclaiming the gospel
- b. By our good works
- c. By how we love one another, our neighbor, our enemies.

Transition: Our lives are part of a greater story, we all have our individual stories but they are all part of a greater story. The Father's Mission is God's story of redemption, restoration, and reconciliation. God invites us to partner with him, to be part of the greater story. Our lives are filled with meaning and purpose.

Scripture: "In Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

- d. In Jerusalem (near), In all Judea and Samaria (far), and to the Ends of the Earth (beyond)
 - i. The mission set before the disciples of Jesus is far greater than what they could have conceived and fulfilled; it would take them near and outside of their comforts.
 - ii. The rest of the book of acts is about the disciples of Jesus going to places and people near, far, and beyond their place of comfort.

Conclusion:

APPLICATION

- When we align and surrender our lives to God's redemptive story it will take us near and outside of our comforts. To perhaps people and places we may not even like, to places we may have never imagined or believed we would go.

Mission Mindset

We witness everywhere: wherever we are,
that is our place of mission.

Son or Daughter, Friend, Co-Worker, Boss, Employee, Husband, Wife, Mother,
Father, Family Member, Society Member, Church Community
Communities We Belong

- Living missionally to be and do what God has called us to be and do is not a solo effort that we orchestrate by human will and determination; it is in partnership with God who empowers us through the Holy Spirit.

BENEDICTION

May the Father's promise of the Holy Spirit empower you
To be and do what he has called you to be and do
To witness near and far and beyond your place and people of comfort
In Jesus name
Amen

NOTES

- **Lead with Prayer:** The Spiritual Habits of World-Changing Leaders by Ryan Scoog, Peter Greer, and Cameron Doolittle

RESOURCES

- <https://www.jordanraynor.com/>
- **Every Good Endeavor by Timothy Keller**
- <https://faithandwork.com/resources/>
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