

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown

DAY 17 - SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

Walking in Kingdom Power

Luke 24:44-50, 1 Cor.4:14-20

Reflection: There is a difference between authority and power. While authority is vested (or given) to a person, power is usually acquired through training and exercise. Also many times power is needed to exercise even a vested authority. For example a police man has authority by the reason of his position. By virtue of his commissioning, he carries the authority of the state. That is why most people will respect a police just by seeing his uniform or a badge because we recognize he has been given authority to act. However the police do not just need authority, he needs power to exercise his authority. That is why he is well trained and equipped with ammunition to be able to carry out his responsibilities.

This is also true for us as believers, by virtue of our position in Christ; we have authority over situations, circumstances, demons etc. Not only do we have authority, we also have access to the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8, Acts 10:38, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11). The Holy Spirit empowers us. In Matthew 10, Jesus gave the disciples authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. However we know that in Matthew 17:14-21, there was a demon that would not respond to them. When they asked Jesus; "Why could we not cast it out?" He responded; "...this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting." (Matthew 17:21). What Jesus was saying here is that authority alone is not sufficient; we need the anointing of the Holy Spirit to effectively exercise our authority.

PRAYER FOCUS:

- 1. Thank God for the promise of the Holy Spirit and the power we have through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Joel 2:28-32**
- 2. Ask God for a fulfilment of this promise on your life and in our church. Pray that there will be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the young, old, sons and daughters.**
- 3. Pray that you may know the exceeding greatness of His power that is available to you as a believer, according to the working of His mighty power that He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead. Ephesians 1:17-20**
- 4. Dedicate yourself to God, ask Him to anoint you with the Holy Spirit and with power just like Jesus so that you may do "good works" and bring healing to those who are oppressed. Acts 10:38**
- 5. Pray that the Holy Spirit would use your vessel as a medium to do His will on Earth.**
- 6. Ask God to give you an earnest desire for the best spiritual gifts for the purpose of the kingdom.**
- 7. Pray that the Holy Spirit will manifest His gifts of grace through you as He desires. 1 Corinthians 12:11**
- 8. Pray that SBCOD ministers and leaders will be filled with the Holy Spirit and their message and preaching will not be with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power. 1 Corinthians 2:4**