

Friday

Please read Romans 8:10-11. The Spirit's power over death gives so much hope! How does this encourage you today?

Spend a few moment meditating on this today: "the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you..."

How can that truth impact you today?

Thank God today that He is more powerful than death. Thank Him that the same power that resurrected Jesus is available to you. Pray that you'll grow in your understanding of the Spirit's work in your life.

Saturday

Please be sure you're caught up on this week's devotions and know this week's memory verse. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that TLC will be a beacon of hope in our community.

Prayer Updates

Celebration of Life

Ruth E. Olives, one of our dear shut-ins, is now present with the Lord. A celebration of her life will be held on Wednesday, April 9 at 2pm in Monschke Hall. Please remember her children, Glen Olives and Gloria Daniel and extended families in prayer.

Hospitalized & surgeries this past week...

Braden Liam McClean – born 3/13/08, 6 weeks premature, parents Ryan & Heather McClean

Christine Garbo – returned to hospital 3/19, fluid build-up around her heart and lungs

Don Switzer – RCU, stroke recovery

George Ward – RCU, stroke recovery

Marion Fuhry – COPD, gastrointestinal problems

Norma Moniodis – cancer complications

Priscilla King – ruptured appendix & bowel

Virginia Fair – infection

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Aleeta Zapata, Brian Poland, JoAnn Pummill, Leslie Douglas, Patrick McGibben, Steve Campbell, Jeremy Holmes

Hospice care: Adrienne Bresnahan-Gomes, Verna Hernandez

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups – call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center. **Subscribe to the Prayer Update: www.tlc.org/profiles**

Thrill Ride

The Power of the Holy Spirit

March 29 & 30, 2008 • Mark Spurlock

"But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." *Acts 1:8*

What kind of power do we receive from the Holy Spirit?

1. Power over _____

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit **enabled** them... a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: 'Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?'" *Acts 2:4,6-8*

2. Power over _____

"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 been with Jesus." *Acts 4:13*

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly... With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all." *Acts 4:31,33*

Being baptized by the Spirit happens once, at

"For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body..." *1 Corinthians 12:13*

Being filled by the Spirit happens whenever I am under the Spirit's

"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit." *Ephesians 5:18*

3. Power over _____

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death." *Romans 8:1,2*

"You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ." *Romans 8:9*

4. Power over _____

"And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you." *Romans 8:11*

The power of the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus Christ:

Jesus was...

- **Conceived through the Spirit**
Matthew 1:18, 20; Luke 1:35
- **Baptized by the Spirit**
Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:10; Luke 3:32; John 1:32
- **Led into the desert by the Spirit**
Matthew 4:1; Mark 1:12; Luke 4:1
- **Anointed by the Spirit**
Luke 4:18
- **Empowered by the Spirit**
Matthew 12:18,28; Mark 3:23-30; Luke 4:14; Acts 10:38
- **Filled with joy through the Spirit**
Luke 10:21
- **Empowered to offer himself on the cross through the Spirit**
Hebrews 9:14
- **Raised to life by the Father through the Spirit**
Romans 8:11

Daily Meditations

Monday

Think back over last weekend's sermon. How have you previously thought about the role of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Please read Acts 1:1-11. What is most striking to you about this? Put yourself in the disciples' shoes: What do you think they were expecting?

What did you learn about the Holy Spirit's role in your life from last weekend's sermon? How has that impacted you?

Thank God today that He has given you the Holy Spirit. Thank Him for the opportunity to study and learn about His role in your life. Pray that as you study this week you will be open-minded and ready to grow!

Tuesday

Please read Acts 2:1-13. How does the Holy Spirit give the disciples power over obstacles in this story?

How have you personally seen the Holy Spirit give power to overcome obstacles?

What obstacles are you currently facing?

When are you tempted to act in your own power instead of waiting for the Holy Spirit to intervene?

Talk to God today about the obstacles you are currently facing. Pray that you will be willing to wait for His timing and power to overcome. Ask God to use this week of studying the power of the Holy Spirit to grow you spiritually.

Wednesday

Please read Matthew 14:26, John 20:19 & Acts 4:13-35. These verses give us a "before and after" picture of the disciples. What do you think the disciples feared before?

How did the power of the Holy Spirit change their fear to courage?

In what ways have you personally seen the power of the Holy Spirit help you overcome a fear?

How do you need that right now?

Thank God today that you do not have to be shackled to fear. Thank Him for the power the Holy Spirit provides to overcome fear. Talk to God about the struggles with fear you are facing right now. Pray that you will rest in the Spirit's peace, comfort and timing.

Thursday

Please read Romans 8:1-9, I Peter 3:18. So often it can feel as though sin has all the power and we have none. What do these verses teach about the power the Spirit gives you over sin?

How have you experienced that in your life?

What sin are you struggling to overcome?

What is the difference between trying to overcome in your own strength and overcoming by the Spirit's power.

Thank God today that you are not subservient to sin. Pray about the sin(s) you're struggling with right now. Lay that struggle at the feet of Jesus and pray for victory in the Spirit's power.

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Memory Verse

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8