

SERMON NOTES - Gifts of the Spirit 2 - Power

These notes are designed to be read along with the associated audio / video message

This week we look at three of the gifts of the Spirit - the "power gifts" - Faith, Healings and Miracles.

The Greek word for "miracles" is "*Dunamis*" which is also translated power in the Bible and it is where we get our word "Dynamite".

1Co 12:4-11 - "4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills."

Some **Examples** of these gifts in operation:

Mat 8:14-17 — "14 Now when Jesus had come into **Peter's** house, He saw his **wife's mother** lying sick with a fever. 15 So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. (see also *Lk 4:39*) And she arose and served them. 16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities, And bore our sicknesses."" **deliverance & healing & healing is in the atonement**

Mat 14:25-31 - "25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, **walking on the sea**. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"" **faith miracles**

Mar 2:1-12 — "1 And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. 2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. 3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. 4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the **paralytic**, "Son, your sins are forgiven you." 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 "Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? 9 "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic, 11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"" **wisdom, knowledge, miracles, healing, healing for all**

Luk 6:12-19 — "12 Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also **named apostles**: 17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, 18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and **healed them all.**" **Wisdom choosing disciples, healing all**

Act 3:6 - "Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but **what I do have** I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.""

Acts 5:1-16 - ananias & sapphira (**wisdom, knowledge, miracles**) and Peter heals **many / all**.

We All Have All of this, but these Holy Spirit Gifts are different:

WE ALL HAVE FAITH and can increase faith, but this is NOT the supernatural gift of the Spirit called "Faith"

Rom 12:3 - "3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith."

Eph 2:8 - "8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,"

Rom 10:17 - "17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

2Th 1:3 - "3 ... your faith **grows** exceedingly..."

WE ALL CAN APPROPRIATE HEALING, but this is NOT the supernatural gift of the Spirit called "Healings"

JESUS IS THE EXACT IMAGE OF GOD- Jhn 14:9 "seen the Father" , Col 1:15 - " image of invisible" , Heb 1:3 - " brightness of His glory and express image of His person,"

Mat 8:16-17 - "16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick, 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities And bore our sicknesses."" (Is 53:4* see above)

Isa 53:4-5 - "4 Surely He has borne our griefs (sickness) And carried our sorrows (pain)*; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

1Pe 2:24 - "24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed."

Mat 9:2-6 - "2 Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." 3 And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" 4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5 "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? 6 "But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.""

Psa 103:2-3 — "2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,"

Mat 15:25-28 — "25 Then she came and worshipped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" 26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." 27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour."

Luk 6:17-19 - "17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, 18 as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all."

WHY DON'T ALL GET HEALED?

- Lack of Knowledge (Hos 4:6)
- Lack of Faith (Mk 6:1-6)
- We don't ask (Ja 4:2)
- We live in a broken world, where there is an enemy & God's will/ desire (*thelema*) isn't always done (1 Tim 2:4)

THOSE WHO DID NOT EXPERIENCE THE HEALING IN THE BIBLE:

- Gal 4:13 - "13 You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first." (PAUL)
- 1Ti 5:23 - "23 No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities." (TIMOTHY)
- 2Ti 4:20 - "20 Erastus stayed in Corinth, but Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick." (TROPHIMUS)

WE ALL HAVE MIRACLES (*dunamis*), but this is NOT the supernatural gift of the Spirit called "Miracles"

Eph 1:19-20 - "19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty **power** 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,"

Rom 8:11 - "11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Eph 3:20 - "20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the **power** that works in us,"

Eph 2:8 - "8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that **not of yourselves**; it is the gift of God,"

The three levels of the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit:

1. HE WAS **WITH** THEM AS A HELPER AND FRIEND BUT WOULD BE **IN** THEM

Jhn 14:16-18 - "16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- 17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

2. HE **INDWELT** THEM WHEN HE ROSE AGAIN

Jhn 20:19, 21-22 - "19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." ... 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

3. HE TOLD THEM TO WAIT TO BE **FILLED** (BAPTISED) BEFORE DOING ANYTHING FOR HIM

Luk 24:49 - "49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.""

Act 1:4-5, 8 - "4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 "for John truly baptised with water, but you shall be baptised with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ... 8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.""

Act 2:1-4 NKJV - "1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

HOW to receive this ...**ASK** - Lk 11:11-13, **ACT** - Acts 2 & Mat 14:28.

Luk 11:11-13 NKJV - "11 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!""

Act 2:4 — "4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Mat 14:28-29 NKJV - "28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus."

Other Scriptures referred to in this message:

Rom 12:3-8 - the "gifts of the father" - motivational gifts - Prophecy, Teaching, Leading, Encouraging, Serving, Mercy, Giving

Ephesians 4:7-16 - the "ministry gifts of Jesus" - Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher

Heb 11:6 - without faith we can't please God

Mat 17:2 - the transfiguration

Verses where it mentions Jesus healing all - Matthew 4:24 Matthew 8:16 Matthew 12:15 Matthew 14:14 Mat 14:35 Matthew 15:30 Matthew 19:2 Matthew 21:14 Mark 1:34 Mark 3:10 Mark 6:5 Luke 4:40 Luke 5:15 Luke 6:17-19 Luke 7:21 Luke 9:11 Acts 5:16

Mk 6:1-6 - Jesus unable to heal in His home town due to their unwillingness.

Mat 15:26 - Healing is the Children's bread

Act 2:16-18 - "16 "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy."

Small group discussion guidelines

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

1 - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

2 - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

3 - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do PRACTICALLY in response to this teaching?

4 - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray or you, as leader, pray for each person's need

The blessing and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.