SEASONS - A SEASON OF POWER- PASTOR PETER JUNE 8 2025

Joel 2:28,29 "Then, after doing all those things, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants - men and women alike."

Acts 2:17,18 "No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants - men and women alike - and they will prophesy."

Jesus Has More

1 Corinthians 6:19 "Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God?"

Acts 8:14-17 "When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God's message, they sent Peter and John there. As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit."

Acts 19:1-6 "While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul traveled through the interior regions until he reached Ephesus, on the coast, where he found several believers. 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' he asked them. 'No,' they replied, 'we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' 'Then what baptism did you experience?' he asked. And they replied, 'The baptism of John.' Paul said, 'John's baptism called for repentance from sin. But John himself told the people to believe in the One who would come later, meaning Jesus.' As soon as they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied."

Reflection Questions:

- If there's more that Jesus wants to give me—more strength, more power, more boldness—what's stopping me from saying yes? Reflect on any fears, misconceptions, or past experiences that might be holding you back from receiving all that God has for you, especially the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Where in my life do I most need the power of the Holy Spirit right now—at home, at work, in my witness, or in my spiritual boldness?

 Consider the areas where you feel weak, weary, or silent—and ask the Holy Spirit to empower you in those very places.
- **3.** Am I living like someone who believes the Holy Spirit is living in me—and am I open to the 'more' Jesus has beyond that?Let this be a check-in moment: am I walking daily with the awareness of His presence, and am I pursuing the power He wants to pour out for others through me?

Jesus Has What We Need

God Commands Us

Acts 1:4,5 "Once when He was eating with them, He commanded them, 'Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift He promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Reflection Questions:

1. What gifts from Jesus have you already experienced in your life, and how have they changed you?

Reflect on the spiritual and practical ways God has already shown His generosity — forgiveness, peace, joy, provision, etc. How has receiving those gifts deepened your trust in Him?

2. If God gives good gifts daily, how open am I to receiving what He wants to give me today — especially the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Consider whether your posture is one of expectation or hesitation. Are there any areas where you've resisted God's gifts out of fear, doubt, or misunderstanding?

3. What would change in my life if I truly believed that being filled with the Holy Spirit was essential — not optional — for living out my purpose and sharing Jesus with others?

Let this question challenge you to consider the difference between doing life in your own strength versus doing it in God's power.

We Need God's Power

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be My witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The Sign in a Season of Power

Acts 2:4 "And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability." Acts 10:44-46 "Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God."

Acts 19:6 "Then when Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in other tongues and prophesied."

John 4:35 "As the crowds emerged from the village, Jesus said to His disciples, 'Why would you say, the harvest is another four months away? Look at

all the people coming - now is harvest time! For their hearts are like vast fields of ripened grain - ready for a spiritual harvest."

Rom. 10:14 "But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?"

Reflection Questions:

1 1. What is your story — or what do you hope your story will be — when it comes to being filled with the Holy Spirit?

Whether it's a memory from years ago or a hope for today, take time to reflect on your personal experience or desire to encounter the Spirit's power in a real and transformative way.

- 2. Are the "additional signs" of being filled with the Holy Spirit deeper love for God, hunger for His Word, boldness to share Jesus growing in your life? Speaking in tongues is the first physical sign, but the spiritual fruit matters just as much. Are you seeing the Spirit's ongoing work of transformation in you?
- 3. How does the sign of speaking in tongues remind you of your calling to help bring in a spiritual harvest?

Every time we speak in tongues, it's not just about personal edification — it's a divine reminder of our mission. How can you use your voice and your story to point others to Jesus this week?