

Even Stranger Things Part Four

Being Available To The Holy Spirit

Introduction

Read: Acts 2:1-6, 37-41

1. Strange things, or supernatural events, happen around us all the time!
2. Jesus was well-known in His time for healing those who were sick, calming storms and doing things that “bewildered” people!
3. His disciples did the same strange things that He did, but it was only with the power of the Holy Spirit in them.
4. God wants to fill every believer in Jesus with the Holy Spirit to enable us to do strange things to help others and show that God is real.
5. He can only do even stranger things through us if we are available for the Holy Spirit to lead us!
6. In today’s lesson, we want to learn how to be available for the Holy Spirit to do stranger things through us!

I. Show Up For An Encounter

- A. The disciples received the Holy Spirit simply by showing up (v1)!
- B. God is always wanting to do miracles in our lives, but we must make time each week to show up to meet Him.
E.g. In our personal devotions, Connect Group, Youth Service, Sunday Services.
- C. Being consistent in showing up is an act of expectation that God can move whenever He wants - even when we don’t feel like it!
- D. When we show up, focus in expecting God to encounter us.
E.g. respond verbally when we hear God’s word, listen for things we can learn to apply in our lives, etc.

II. Prepare For A Breakthrough

- A. The disciples showed up and experienced strange things that they had never seen before because of the Holy Spirit (v2-4).
- B. Put aside the past experiences of what God has done for us. He can do even more!

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

- Ephesians 3:20

- C. Pray for faith to believe God for what we’ve never seen before!
- D. Recall past promises God gave us, and claim them by faith in prayer.

III. Reach Out To Connect

- A. As the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, they did not hold back but immediately started to reach out to others (v14).**

As we continuously reach out to others, God will continuously fill us with the Holy Spirit!

- B. Think of friends or family members who need a miracle in their lives. Pray for them to receive their miracle!**

- C. Share the Good News of Jesus' death and resurrection to everyone we can.**

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

- Acts 20:24

- D. Grab every opportunity to reach out and show God's love in a tangible way to others!**

At the next outreach or service, be intentional to connect with new people and show them God's love!

Discuss!

Connect Group Leader to facilitate sharing with the Connect Group members.

- *What are some ways we can reach out to the people around us? Pray for their needs, be interested in their school/family life/friendships/hobbies, share a testimony to encourage them, etc.*

Conclusion

1. God wants to give us His Holy Spirit so He can do amazing miracles through us!
2. We avail ourselves to the Holy Spirit when we simply show up, be ready for God to move and reach out to connect to others!
3. Be expectant for all the amazing things that God can do through us when we partner together with the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Points:

- Ask God to give us faith for miracles we have never seen before.
- Pray for the needs of the people around us.
- Pray for miracles of salvation even as we reach out to share the gospel.

**Give opportunities for visitors to receive Christ and members to re-dedicate their lives to Jesus.*