



Finding **Power, Perseverance,**
and **Purpose** in the Holy Spirit

AT HOME STUDY

WEEK THREE

Find a time each day to read the passage of scripture. Follow the daily prayer prompt and then pray this prayer together:

God, we call upon your Spirit knowing that it's risky, knowing that you might really move. Knowing that the power that comes with your Spirit will move us to live out your purpose for us. We thank you for the good news that announces our salvation. Be our guide as we pray and prepare for you to spread that good news all over the world. Amen.

MONDAY: ROMANS 5.2-4

And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

- Paul wrote often about perseverance that comes through suffering. He could write about it because he had experienced it. What suffering has or is producing perseverance in your life? Have you ever been surprised at the outcome of a season of suffering? What is different about our character because of you persevered through suffering? What signs of hope have you seen coming out of times of perseverance?
- Pray for an increasing hope that comes from persevering through hard times.

TUESDAY: ROMANS 12.12

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

- It is understandable that we might become jaded or pessimistic in the face of hopeful signs. As a people we have been through a lot recently. But those who stand out to us are those who find joy in their hope, those who have the patience to endure through hard times, and those who even muster up prayers to God when He may seem far off.
- Pray for joyful hope, patience, and faithful conversation with God.

WEDNESDAY: ACTS 2.46-47

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

- The community of believers saw that there was power in their gatherings and so they were persistent in continuing to meet together, share meals, and worship. What patterns of meeting together (even virtually) remind you of the power you have been given?
- **Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to persevere through times of disconnection.**

THURSDAY: REVELATION 3.10-11

Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

- These words of Jesus were intended for the church in Philadelphia. A church that had little strength on its own. But their faith was their strength and because of that, they received power and hope in their perseverance. The things they were holding on to were not their strength, but their faith that led to hope. There was power in their perseverance. What will you "hold on to" in order to receive true power?
- **Pray for a tighter grip on Jesus and his crown.**

FRIDAY: HEBREWS 12.1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

- When you are running any kind of race, it is possible to lose sight of the goal. We are in a long race right now. Our goal is not safety or survival, or a return to normal. Our goal is Jesus who found joy even when faced with the cross because his purpose was revealed to us on the other side of it.
- **Pray for a steadfast focus on Jesus.**

SATURDAY: ACTS 2.37-39

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

- The answer to the question, "What shall we do?" from the crowd in Acts 2 was to turn around and give their lives to Jesus. To receive the gift and power of the Holy Spirit didn't require a power grab, it required a letting go.
- **Pray for a heart of repentance that leads to increased power from the Holy Spirit.**