



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

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**AT HOME STUDY**

## WEEK FOUR

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.

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### MONDAY: ROMANS 5.3-5

*...we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

- Pastor Jacob repeated this verse again in this week's message because it is at the heart of understanding how the power of the Holy Spirit allows us to persevere through suffering. Have you felt like the suffering you have been through is just too much to bear? Have you ever found glory in a period of suffering?
- Pray for power to face the suffering of any given moment, pray for the Spirit of God to get you through whatever you are facing.

### TUESDAY: ROMANS 8.1-2

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.*

- We are set free from bondage in order to live a Spirit empowered life. What big or little things seem to hold you back from living a life empowered by the Holy Spirit?
- Pray that you might live as one who has been set free to carry out a life powered by the Spirit.

### WEDNESDAY: ROMANS 8.5

*<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.*

- As much as we can feel that we are tossed by every wave coming at us in this time, we do have a goal to work towards. What are some distinctions between living a life according to earthly

desires and a life lived in accordance with the Spirit? The difference was dramatic and noticeable for the early church members.

- Pray for a mind that is set on the direction of the Holy Spirit.

#### THURSDAY: ROMANS 8.16-17

*<sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

- When we encounter the Holy Spirit our identity becomes clear. We gain clarity about who we really are and why we even exist. We are children of God and through Jesus we are in the path of the powerful Spirit of God.
- Pray for the assurance and comfort in knowing that you are a child of God.

#### FRIDAY: ROMANS 8.26-27

*<sup>26</sup> In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.*

- The kind of power that we experience in the Holy Spirit is not just a jolt of energy, but a lasting, miraculous ability to lift us up, and even interpret the words of our weary hearts to God.
- Pray for a Spirit guided conversation with God.

#### SATURDAY: 1 Corinthians 12.7-11

*<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.*

- In a recent message, Police Chief James Hambrick challenged us to see that the Holy Spirit isn't given just so we will feel good about an emotional experience. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are meant to be lived out. Why is it easier to live in an emotional experience of the Spirit than to live it out in our daily lives?
- Pray for a recognition of the gifts God's Spirit has placed in you and a desire to use them for God's glory.