

The Life Challenge

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

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WARM-UP

Wait for it...

I am sending what my Father promised to you, so stay here in the city until he arrives, until you're equipped with power from on high. Luke 24:49 [The Message]

And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world. Acts 1:7-8 [The Message]

Jesus told his disciples to "wait" for the Holy Spirit, before they went out to be his witnesses everywhere.

Why?

Because Jesus understood the profound enabling that came in the person of the Holy Spirit, and the folly of going in our own human ability.

DISCUSSION

What did the enabling look like?

1. Unusual Courage

Acts 4:13 ...now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. They recognized they had been with Jesus.

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2. Unusual Generosity

Acts 2:44-46 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts...

What about us?

This week let's wait for some Holy Spirit-enabling.

1. Can you relate to the spiritual journey being "dry, mechanical, or more of a struggle" than it could be?
2. Where could you use some extra courage in your life?
3. How is the Lord leading you in unusual generosity?

Take a moment to pray for the enabling of the Holy Spirit for each member of your group.