

Theme: To plant churches and spread the light of the Gospel into areas under the influence of Satan, we must be full of the power of the Holy Spirit.

I. Intro – Amphibious Landings

- A. A specialty of the Marine Corps
- B. But also done on D-Day and at Inchon, Korea
- C. It is hard to assault a beach held by the enemy!
- D. You better be prepared for opposition!
- E. Need trained troops, material, support, knowledge
- F. What do we need to establish a beachhead for RCC?
- G. Looking at the needs/ingredients over coming weeks
- H. Today - most essential - power of the Spirit

II. The Message, The Need, The Call

- A. The Message - the Gospel (Luke 24:44-46)
 - 1. All Scripture is about Jesus (v44)
 - 2. Christ gives His people understanding (v45)
 - 3. Central message - Christ's death & resurrection (v46)
- B. The need - proclaim to all people (Luke 24:47-48)
 - 1. Proclaim repentance & forgiveness of sins (v47)
 - 2. Proclamation and promise in Christ's name (v47)
 - 3. Proclamation to all nations (v47)
 - 4. Proclaim because you are my witnesses (v48)
- C. The call - wait! (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8)

- 1. Don't go yet - wait for power from heaven (v49)
- 2. Power when the Spirit comes upon you (Acts 1:8)
- 3. Power is intimately related to our witness (Acts 1:8)

III. The Spirit's Power In Us

- A. The Spirit anoints God's people for their call
 - 1. The 70 elders; "May God put His Spirit on all!" (Num 11:24-29)
 - 2. David anointed with Spirit's power (1 Samuel 16:13)
 - 3. Jesus anointed with Spirit's power (Luke 3:21-22)
 - 4. Jesus empowered by Spirit (Luke 4:1,14, 18)
 - 5. Apostles empowered by Spirit (Acts 1:8)
 - 6. Paul preached in power of Spirit (1 Cor 2:4; 1 Thess 1:4-5)
- B. The Spirit's power is for all believers
 - 1. Command & promise applies to the original apostles
 - a. Acts 1:8 - Apostles; their historical situation
 - b. This applies to all who publicly proclaim Gospel
 - 2. Command & promise applies to all believers
 - a. Gift, promise to all God calls - Acts 2:38-39
 - b. Answer of Moses' prayer in Numbers 11
 - c. Key provision of the New Covenant

IV. Filled With the Spirit's Power for Spiritual Warfare

A. Context - extending the kingdom by planting churches

1. Preach to all nations; wait to be filled - Luke 24:47-49
2. Power to be witnesses; here to end of earth (Acts 1:8)

B. Our warfare - spiritual, not physical

1. Our struggle is spiritual, not physical (Eph 6:10-13)
2. Context - corporate struggle - all plurals in Eph 6:10-18
3. Context - prayer for Gospel proclamation (Eph 6:19-20)
4. The real issue is not physical opposition - but spiritual
5. Church planting is spiritual warfare work
6. Satan will not sit idly by as the Gospel goes forth!
7. You better not charge hell with a water pistol!!!

V. Applying the Word

A. Do we see the reality of spiritual warfare?

1. In our modern age we often doubt spiritual realities
2. This is a huge mistake!
3. Satan & spiritual warfare are real!
4. Do we take this seriously - or only consider physical realities?
5. Do we see church planting is primarily a spiritual work?

B. Are we prepared for warfare by being filled with the Spirit's power?

1. You don't do amphibious assault without being prepared!

2. You don't charge hell with a water pistol!

3. We have been given every resource we need in Christ!

4. We have been given the Spirit in fullness

5. Do we seek to be freshly filled by the Spirit?

6. Do we call on Him for power for spiritual warfare?

7. You do not have to earn it - it is freely given

8. You do not have to tarry - it is ours in Christ

9. You do not have to do anything - but you do have to ask!

C. Prayer for fresh filling and power of the Spirit

Planting Churches by the Power of the Spirit

Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:8

Isaiah 61:1-4

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Prayer

Romans 15:13

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” 45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”
Luke 24:44-49

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:8

So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. 25 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and **he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders.** When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again. However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. 27 A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” 28 Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” 29 But Moses replied, “**Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’S people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!**”
Numbers 11:24-29

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and **from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power.**
1 Samuel 16:13

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and **the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove.** And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”
Luke 3:21-22

Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit,** returned from the Jordan and was **led by the Spirit** in the desert.... 14 **Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit,** and news about him spread through the whole countryside.... 18 “**The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.** He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed...
Luke 4:1, 14, 18

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power.
1 Corinthians 2:4-5

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because **our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit** and with deep conviction.
1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

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.** 39 **The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.**”
Acts 2:38-39

Finally, be **strong** in the Lord and in his mighty **power.** 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against **the devil’s schemes.** 12 **For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**
Ephesians 6:10-13

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.
Ephesians 6:19-20