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## A Power-filled Church

Matt 16:13-19, Acts 1:4-8

Intro:

- What Jesus is saying to his disciples in Matthew 16 is this, I am going to give you power to advance the Kingdom of God only Earth and through this power I will build my church. I will give you such power so that when you bind things on the Earth, they will be bound in the heavens
- It is imperative that we realize that Jesus has given us power on this Earth. Power to bind things up and power to loose things. Power to shift atmospheres and realms and power to shift cities and regions. Power to advance the Kingdom of God and power to grow the *ekklesia* the church of the living God.
- It is imperative that we know and realize that Jesus never intended for the church, his church to be built without the power of the living God. Therefore, he tells his disciples to go in wait in Jerusalem until they have been endued with power from on high. Jesus knew that this was so important that he himself good not do any ministry nor preach any messages into he had been endued with power from on high.
- Mark chapter 16 says this, go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these things were followed those who believe, in man name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues, they will take up serpents and if they drink anything deadly it will by no means hurt them, and they will lay their hands on the sick and they shall recover.
- Church this is what you call the power of the living God. This is the power that is available to every person who is put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ. This is the power that you need to live the life that God has purposed for you to live. This is the power that you receive when you are gloriously field with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ went to the cross and gave his life that you may receive this power just like he gave his life that you may receive forgiveness. Today the Holy Spirit has a few things he wants to tell us about the church in the power of God.

1. The power filled church is not void of troubles, trials, or tribulations. On the contrary the power filled church is a target for the attacks and schemes of the enemy.

- On the day of Pentecost Peter begins to preach his 1st sermon and on that day of Pentecost 3000 people were saved. You would think with a start like that that everything from that point on was going to be good and smooth sailing. But the devil is a liar! Matter of a fact after that they become a target for the religious to persecute them and for hell to attack them.
- After this we read about how the apostles were drugged out into the streets at times in beaten and some even stone to death. After this we read about the church be him locked up and put in jail. We read about James the brother of John being killed by Herod the king.
- He gave them power not to live a life absent of trouble, but that in trouble his power would be present. He gave them power so that when troubles came, he would be glorified in the midst of it.

2. The power field church is a church that understands we must daily yield to the power of God.

- Our tongue talking has not transferred over into Jesus walking. When we talk about a power field church, we are not just talking about a church who speaks in tongues, even if you are a tongue talker you still have to yield to the Holy Spirit to be a Jesus Walker.

- The baptism in the Holy Spirit does not override your free choice. Therefore, just as you yielded to the Holy Spirit and received your prayer language and tongues, you must daily yield to the Holy Spirit and received his power.

- We must yield to the Holy Spirit and allowing him to empower us daily to live a holy life. You still have your own opinion that is regulating and taking preeminence over your life. You still have what you want taking priority over your life. You still have your feelings taken priority over your life. You still have your likes taking priority over your life.

- When we are tempted, we are tempted just like all men have been tempted. Every time you are tempted God will make a way of escape for you. The choice of whether you are going to give into the temptation or take the weight of escape is your choice. God will not make that choice for you! However, he will give you the power of the spirit to make the right choice. You will since the Holy Spirit's power and conviction leading you to make the right choice. To walk down the path of escape. But even then, it is still your choice.

- Just because you speak in tongues does not mean temptation is not coming. Just because you speak in tongues does not mean that you won't have hard choices to make. And just because you speak in tongues does not mean God's going to make these choices for you. It just means he will give you the power to make these choices if you choose to yield to that power.

3. A power field church is not ashamed, embarrassed, or silent about the power of God.

- Church we are not ashamed or embarrassed of the power of God. I know this to be the truth, what this world needs and what some of you need is the power of the living God. And whether it is in a worship service, whether it is at an altar call, or whether it is with you sitting in your seat right now, a weather were in the Ingles parking lot it really doesn't matter because we are not ashamed of the power of God.

4. A power filled church is not embarrassed of the sinner and we are not embarrassed of the power that makes the sinner free.