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Powered**

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I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26

▶ **Power, Life  
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▶ **Acts 2:1,2**  
**When the day of Pentecost arrived,**  
**they were all together in one place.**  
**And suddenly there came from**  
**heaven a sound like a mighty rushing**  
**wind, and it filled the entire house**  
**where they were sitting.**

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The day of Pentecost — that’s the day, for us Christians as we recognise as the coming of the Holy Spirit upon his people. This is the birth of his church.

But the day of Pentecost, (pentecost in greek), is Shavuot in Hebrew — it is part of the Feast of Weeks. A traditional Jewish harvest festival. Shavuot also marks the day that the Torah was given to Moses on Mount Sinai. And so when they’re ther, and there in Jerusalem and gathering, they’re there because that’s the time of an important Jewish Festival. Remembering when the Law was given to the people. And now, here, the Law is being given to the hearts. The power of God, the life of God — Ezekeil — written on their hearts. And as they’re speaking, this word which used to be confined to a singular language, is shared out to all who might here.

THE POWER OF God FOR THE WITNESS OF THE GOOD NEWS

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even on my male servants[c] and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.  
19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke;  
20 the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.  
21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

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▶ **Come near to God**  
**You and all around you.**  
**Near or far.**  
**Turn from your past &**  
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▶ Acts 2:42-47

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fellowship, sharing, life together, learning, growth, no one without need — that doesn't come from our own goodness or our own ability. It is supernatural that is fuelled by the power of God.

It is us saying, and realising, God WE NEED YOU. You power me so that my old way of living is completely gone — so that I can be into your completely new good living.

▶ **The power of  
the *Holy Spirit*  
transforms us.**

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And the Spirit is transformative. It completely affects our being.

**Let it CUT you to your heart.**

**Let it lead you to a deep love for others you never thought was possible.**

**Let it drive you to a generosity that is otherworldly.**

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Church begins with  
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▶ ***Spirit Powered  
Church testifies the  
Good News, by  
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▶ ***There is no limit  
to God's Power***

Cry out — to break down walls, to see the supernatural.

You and I, we have to stop living by just our own power or abilities. We really need to

**▶ *Stand up  
& walk!!***

**What areas are  
you currently  
crippled?**

**Where in your  
life is it hard to  
see Good News?**

**Who around  
you is broken  
and needs help?**

Where are the areas of your life that you are currently crippled? Call out to God, and not by your own ability, but say, God your Good News —