

# EMPOWER

## 21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Acts 2:1 – 12 (ESV)

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### MESSAGE NOTES

***“A disruptor is a company or form of technology that causes radical change in an existing industry or market by means of innovation.” – Definition of a Disruptor***

*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. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance ... And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished ... “we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” – Acts 2:1 – 12 (ESV)*

*“I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. – Matthew 3:11 (ESV)*

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you ... – Acts 1:8 (ESV)*

*And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” – Acts 2:12 (ESV)*

**Being filled with the Spirit means we:**

- **Live in the power of God’s faithfulness**

*Be strong and courageous ... He will not leave you or forsake you.” – Deuteronomy 31:6 (ESV)*

*And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. – Acts 2:2 (ESV)*

- **Live in the power of God’s presence**

*And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. – Acts 2:3 (ESV)*

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*... and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” – Matthew 3:17 (ESV)*

*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ... – Romans 8:16 (ESV)*

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- **Live in the power of a mighty message**

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance ... – Acts 2:4 (ESV)*

*... we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” – Acts 2:11(ESV)*

*Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia ... – Acts 2:9 (ESV)*

*And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered ... – Acts 2:6 (ESV)*

*And they were amazed and astonished ... – Acts 2:7 (ESV)*

*And all were amazed and perplexed... – Acts 2:12 (ESV)*

- **Live in the power of Christ’s authority**

*When the Day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. – Acts 2:1 (ESV)*

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: A “disruptor” is a company or form of technology that causes radical change in an existing industry or market by means of innovation. What do you consider one of the greatest “disruptors” in the modern era and why?
- How was the giving of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 to the church a “disruptor” of incredible positive magnitude for followers of Christ?
- What was your biggest takeaway from Acts 2:1 – 12 and why?
- Read Acts 2:12. The disciples asked, “What does this mean?” If you were to answer that question in your own words, how would you have answered them?
- The coming of the Holy Spirit was a testimony of God’s faithfulness as it was the fulfillment of many Old Testament promises. What is a promise of God that often reminds you of God’s faithfulness in your life now?
- Read Romans 8:16. Being filled with the Spirit means that we shine for Christ, but it also means that God shines to us with His love as our Father. How have you seen God shining in someone’s life recently? Why is it important to experience God’s love and pleasure over us as His children?
- Read Acts 1:8. Why was it significant that when the Gospel was first shared in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost that it was shared in multiple languages all at once?
- The more we are in alignment with Christ’s authority, the more we experience His power in life. What is an area of life that you are wrestling to align with God and experience more of His power in?