

## CLOTHED WITH POWER 5

### Power in His Presence

→ *What does the expression 'move of God' mean to you? What could it look like? Why do we need it? Have you ever experienced it before? To what extent does it depend on God & to what extent does it depend on us?*

**TENSION:** Is it the Holy Spirit WITHIN us or COMING UPON us?

→ *Why is it both/and, not either/or?*

In scripture, we see plenty of evidence of different MEASURES / DIMENSIONS of God's presence.

#### 1. OMNIPRESENCE (Psalm 139:7-10, Jer 23:23-24, Col 1:17)

- \* God EVERYWHERE, ALL OF THE TIME.

#### 2. INDWELLING PRESENCE (John 20:22, 1 Cor 3:16, James 4:8)

- \* God TAKING UP RESIDENCE IN YOUR HEART.

→ *What does God's indwelling presence do? How do you know it's there? How do you 'press into it?'*

#### 3. EMPOWERING PRESENCE (Acts 1:8, 2:4, Eph 5:18, 3:16,20)

→ *What is the difference between indwelling & empowering? What do you understand by the 'baptism of the Holy Spirit?' Who qualifies? How do you receive it?*

#### 4. MANIFEST PRESENCE (Ps 22:3, Matt 18:20, 2 Chron 7:1-3, Acts 3:19-20)

- \* God COMING to MEET with His people in a special way.

→ *When does God manifest His presence? What are the 'conditions?' What are the scriptural promises? Why is it so important that God is 'in the room?'*

## THE PATTERN OF THE EARLY CHURCH

\* If we want to see SIGNS & WONDERS, we'll need to CULTIVATE that deep sense of AWE (Acts 2:42-43).

\* When the Spirit is in the room, there'll be a deep, burning CONVICTION, because you're in the presence of a HOLY God (1 Thess 1:5).

→ *What is the distinction between power, Holy Spirit & deep conviction in 1 Thess 1:5? Why is 'words' not enough? What examples of 1 Thess 1:5 can you remember from the book of Acts?*

\* A primary role of the Holy Spirit is making people AWARE of the HOLINESS of God & the HORRIBLENESS of sin (John 16:7-8).

→ *How does conviction make you 'aware?' What does it 'feel like' to come under conviction? How do you know whether it's the conviction of the Holy Spirit or the condemnation of the Enemy? What should our response be to conviction? What should our response be to condemnation?*

\* The Holy Spirit's job is to lead you AWAY from sin & TOWARDS God and conviction is HOW He does it.

→ *"When we come together as believers, it shouldn't just be nice, happy, bright; there should be a strong, tangible, weighty sense that God Almighty is in the room." Discuss!*

\* When the Convictor COMES, that's when Kingdom TRANSFORMATION takes place.

→ *What kind of Kingdom transformation? What do we need to do to facilitate more of it?*