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The Pastors Thoughts:

Only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8

When Jesus was on the earth, He was the power of God walking and doing on the earth. It was Jesus that saved sinners, Jesus made the blind see, Jesus healed many people from many things, yes it was Jesus the Son of God. How did Jesus manage to do all these things, He is God in the flesh. It was also Jesus that started the church in Jerusalem, and as He called lost souls to salvation, He began to build His first church. We see this church membership in Acts 1, we even see them vote and select Matthias to be the 12th Apostle to replace Judas who betrayed Jesus. However, the Lord Jesus selected Apostle Paul as the 12th Apostle. When Jesus ascended into heaven the church was powerless, because without the power of God Christians and churches are powerless. Even the Apostle Paul admitted that everything he can do is through the power of God. **"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."** Philippians 4:13 God also told Israel these words, **"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."** Isaiah 41:10

Therefore, we must conclude that without the power of God we cannot do anything for God. But it was ordered by God that the church would begin to do their spiritual duties once the Holy Spirit replaced Jesus as the Christian strength. It is only AFTER we receive the power of the Holy Spirit that we can be witnesses for God. Without the power of the Holy Spirit, we can do nothing, but with His power we can move mountains. **"Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ."** Romans 15:19 Jesus told us, His churches to go into the world and preach the gospel to every person. However, He did not mean our preaching would accomplish anything. The gospel of itself is just words and words have no power. The power of the words **is the power of God in them.** Paul asks this question, Romans 10:14 **"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"** This preacher is not necessarily a pastor or a minister, the word is defined as – one who cries the divine truth of the gospel – meaning it is simply a witness of the true gospel. It is not our witness of the true gospel but of the One who makes the lost soul with the dead spirit able to hear the gospel for the first time. As witnesses we are to

carry the gospel message to the world, but **the gospel is heard where the Holy Spirit makes it heard.**
“*And how shall they preach, except they be sent...*” Romans 10:15a If there is no ability to hear the gospel then the gospel is just words. “*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” Romans 10:17 Therefore, without the Holy Spirit's power we have no power, none. Whether it is Christians, Pastors, or entire churches, we live and have our being only by God's Spirit. Thank you, Lord, for that power!

The old man

By Charles Spurgeon, the following is from Spurgeon's sermon, "Inward Conflicts"
Why does God not remove the old sinful nature out of the Christian?

SIN REMAINING IN THE BELIEVER--

drives him humbly to confess his own nothingness,
excludes all boasting from his tongue,
compels him to trust in his God,
takes away from him his propensity to trust in himself,
leads him to value the precious blood which cleanses him,
to prize the Holy Spirit who sanctifies him,
to rejoice in the faithfulness, and patience,
of God who still continues to be gracious to him.

And oh! what songs will the man of God sing when he gets to heaven!
How much sweeter will be the music, because of the conflict!
How much more glorious the victory, because of the warfare!

If I could be totally delivered from sin, root and branch, I certainly would; but yet am I conscious that no Christian would glorify God so much in heaven as he now does, if there were not sin to be contended with. A creature that could not sin, could scarcely show forth much of the praise of God by its holiness; but that the creature can sin, nay, that there is a strong drawing towards sin, and yet the divine grace keeps a man from it, and sanctifies him even to perfection, why this will make the song come swelling up of "Hallelujah! hallelujah! hallelujah!"

If no adversaries had been fought, then no victories could have been won; if there were no temptations for us to struggle with, then there would have been no elbow-room for our faith, and no power for the display of the bare arm of God.

Many believers would have grown too proud to be borne with, if some infirmity had not plucked the plume from their helmets and made them mourn with brokenness of heart before God.

God can bring good out of evil by his overruling grace, while on the other hand our good works have often been the greatest curse we have ever had!

Good works have puffed us up, and so have led us into pride; while our sins, though pulling us down, have, through almighty grace, led us to work for eternity.

Church News:

Happy Birthday to Brother Timothy Fails Friday February 12.