

The Secret Weapon You May Not Know You Have

Jesus promises to equip us with signs and wonders. "In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover" (Mark 16:17-19).

After He rises from the dead, He commands them in Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you: And you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Peter brings clarity to who this gift of the Holy Spirit is for in Acts 2:39: "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call." The Word of God is clear: He gives to us the power of His Spirit to work miracles to win the lost.

The Holy Spirit is intentionally seeking people (2 Chron. 16:9a) like ourselves through whom can flow a display of His mighty, supernatural wonders to the world, so they may know that Jesus Christ is Lord. Knowing this, we ought to make ourselves highly visible to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to move through us with miraculous signs and wonders for His glory.

He realizes the limits in our natural strength, but He never intends for us to do His bidding in our own strength. In fact, He says in Zechariah 4:6, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit." We read in Luke 5:1-11 how Jesus teaches Simon this very lesson. Jesus says to Simon in verse 4, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And in verse 5 we see how Simon replies to the Lord's bidding: "Master, we have worked all night and have caught nothing. But at Your word I will let down the net." By the power of their

natural strength their nets are empty. But this time Jesus goes with them and He instructs them to go out into the deep waters and cast their nets.

In this portion of Scriptures Jesus teaches us how to effectively win the lost. First, He tells us to try it again. Let's go out into the world again. And this time with Him on board we are to launch out into the deep things of the Spirit, cast our spiritual nets and activate the supernatural power of His Spirit. When we evangelize the lost His way, according to the Great Commission, we will supernaturally draw in an abundant catch. Our nets will be so full they will bulge and be on the brink of breaking with souls for Jesus. Isaiah 60:5 says that the abundance of the sea will be turned to us. This is the inheritance that we are promised in Psalm 2:8, the nations.

Time and time again, I have seen the eternal results of supernatural signs and wonders. I have seen how just one person's miracle can win countless others to the Lord Jesus Christ. I ministered divine healing to a young boy in Tanzania who could not walk, and he was miraculously delivered and healed. Because of this amazing wonder, the people in his village and surrounding villages came to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. They said they saw the finger of God.

Moving in the power of the Holy Spirit is the smart way to evangelize. And apparently from the point of the Scriptures, it is God's way.

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