

When the Spirit Falls!

Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit falls upon you."

In a world full of moral relativism, cultural decadence, spiritual apathy and ecclesiastical lukewarmness there exists good news; The Holy Spirit of God still moves. He continues to convict. He continues to reveal Jesus and he continues to sanctify.

Accordingly, via the conduit of biblical extrapolation, we can with unbridled conviction and certainty affirm one catalytic truth; when God's Spirit descends, everything changes.

For example, when the Spirit fell, Joseph stood recognized and came out of his pit.

So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?" (Genesis 41:38, NIV).

When the Spirit fell, Moses and the prophets were not afraid to prophesy.

"Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp... But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" (Numbers 11:26, 29).

When the Spirit fell, the Israelites listened to Joshua enabling him to conquer the promise land.

"Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the Lord had commanded Moses" (Deuteronomy 34:9).

When the spirit fell, Saul became a different person.

“The Spirit of the Lord will come upon you in power, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person. Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you” (1 Samuel 10:6-7).

Correspondingly, when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, he empowers you to come out of the pit. When the Spirit falls, you prophesy. When the Spirit falls, you conquer your promise and when the Spirit falls, you will be changed into a different person!

Yet there's more! When the spirit fell, David was anointed to reign.

“So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah” (1 Samuel 16:13).

When the Spirit fell, Gideon blew the trumpet and won the war.

“Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him” (Judges 6:34).

When the Spirit fell, Samson broke the ropes that bound him!

“As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands” (Judges 15:14).

Get ready, for as the Spirit falls upon you in this season, you will function under your anointing , you will win the battle and the all the things that held you back will be broken.

Accordingly it's time to rise up. Arise with the power of His Spirit and:

- Walk like Enoch
- Believe like Abraham
- Dress like Joseph
- Stretch like Moses
- Shout like Joshua
- Dance like David
- Fight like Gideon
- Pray like Daniel
- Build like Nehemiah
- And live like Jesus!

For it is not by might nor by power but my Spirit says the Lord!

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