

## PROPHETIC AND POWER EVANGELISM COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERIES

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**TEXT: Matthew 3:11** “I indeed baptize you with water unto 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. 12 His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit *it to be so* now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him. 16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

**INTRO:** Jesus gives us both the power and the prophetic strategy to fulfill the Great Commission. God has given us a strategy to disciple nations. A *strategy* is the action plan; *tactics* are the individual steps and actions that will take you there. The Word of God gives us the overall action plan, but He wants to prophetically give us individual steps and actions to fulfill the Great Commission. Power evangelism is when the unbeliever encounters God’s power and love through the preaching of the gospel and by receiving healing and personal deliverance supernaturally.

**THEME:** WE NEED THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

### **I. JESUS MOVED IN POWER AND PROPHETIC EVANGELISM. (HE DID ONLY WHAT HE SAW THE FATHER DO.)**

#### **A. JESUS BEING 100% GOD, IN HIS SOVEREIGNTY, CHOSE TO BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND POWER.**

- 1. Matthew 3:13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit *it to be so* now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all



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**B. JESUS MOVED IN PROPHETIC EVANGELISM (HE DID ONLY WHAT HE SAW THE FATHER DO)**

1. **John 5:19** Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. 20 For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.”
2. **John 8:38** “I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”
3. Matthew 15:21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” 24 But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” 26 But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw *it* to the little dogs.” 27 And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great *is* your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.
4. Jesus received His instruction from the Father. If I could paraphrase this passage, it is as if Jesus was saying, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, but your faith moved my God, the Father, and He just told me to declare that your daughter is healed!”
5. Another good example of being prophetically led (doing what you see the Father doing) is going to Samaria and meeting with the woman at the well. The Father gave Him the overarching instruction to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and yet the Father showed him to reach the Samaritans, too.
6. **Without the power, the best strategy will be incomplete. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to see souls saved! He never intended for us to**

go to our Jerusalem... to the ends of the earth without the power of the Holy Spirit and without the Holy Spirit leading us.

## II. JESUS GIVES THE 12 DISCIPLES POWER AND HIS PROPHETIC STRATEGY

A. **Matthew 10:1** And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. **2** Now the names of the twelve apostles are... **5** These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. **6** *But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.* **7** And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ **8** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. **11** *Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out.* **12** *And when you go into a household, greet it.* **13** *If the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.* **14** And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. **15** Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!”

### B. What are some of Jesus’ instructions?

1. You have to be led by the Holy Spirit. This is what it means to move in prophetic evangelism. But Jesus gives us these practical instructions in reaching the lost.
2. **Go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.** Israel was religious, but they were lost!
3. To me, I believe this means to go to **unchurched Christians.**
4. And “**the convicted sinner**”—**backslider.**
5. Go to “**the concerned sinner**”—**family and friends.**
6. **Youth.**
7. **The poor.**
8. **The sick.**
9. **Those who are demonically oppressed.**
10. For those who are antagonistic against Christianity and the church, whoever doesn’t receive you... shake off the dust from your feet.

11. You invite the Holy Spirit to come upon the people. Let your peace come upon the home. Heal the sick, cast out demons, bring the blessings of the Kingdom.

### III. JESUS GIVES THE CHURCH HIS POWER AND PROPHETIC STRATEGY

- A. Acts 1:4 And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- B. God’s strategy and promised power in Acts 1:8.

### IV. HOW TO RECEIVE AND WALK IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

#### A. KNOW THAT YOU ARE A KING AND A PRIEST

1. 1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

#### B. MAKE THE GREAT COMMANDMENT AND THE GREAT COMMISSION A TOP PRIORITY IN YOUR LIFE

1. God promises to be with those who are committed to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).
2. God loves the world. Paul said, “The love of Christ compels me” (2 Corinthians 5:14). Love is the greatest motivator.
3. Our knowledge of Jesus determines our vision for the lost.
4. Half of the Methodist Circuit Riders did not get married because they knew that half would not live beyond their 30th birthday.
5. Not everyone is an evangelist, but everyone needs to be involved.

#### C. HUNGER AND THIRST FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Matthew 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

#### D. BE CONTINUALLY FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



1. Ephesians 5:18 “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit.” Hunger and thirst after righteousness, and you will be filled.
2. Charles Spurgeon said that “we need to be continually filled because we leak.”
3. Being filled is like being drunk. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you are full of love. You are bold.

**E. REPENT AND CONSECRATE YOURSELF**

1. **Acts 2:38, Joel 2: 1-28, Acts 3:19, Acts 5:38**

**F. ASK AND RECEIVE BY FAITH**

1. **Luke 11:9-13**

