

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

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Do You Have Power?

DAY 1 – THE POWER YOU WERE PROMISED

Read Acts 1 as a family. Have different family members read every three verses.

KEY VERSE: Acts 1:8

REFLECTION

- The disciples were told to wait — not because God was slow, but because He was preparing them to be sent into the world with everything they needed
- The power of the Holy Spirit is not about status or impression; it is about capacity — being equipped for every place and every person God sends you to

Ye shall receive _____, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you. (Answer: power)

Ye shall be _____ unto Him in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria.
(Answer: witnesses)

Family Discussion:

- Do you believe that you possess the Power of the Holy Ghost? Why or why not?
- What is one place — school, work, or your neighborhood — where you need God's power right now?
- What does it look like to be a witness in the ordinary places you go every day?

DAY 2 – ASK ME FOR SOMETHING

Read Judges 1 as a family. Let a different person read each verse.

KEY VERSE: Judges 1:15

REFLECTION

- Caleb's daughter didn't settle for the land she'd already been given — she got off her donkey and asked for her inheritance, the springs of water
- God is not weary of being asked; He is a Father who delights to give, and the promise of the Holy Spirit is still open to everyone who will ask

Give me a _____: for thou hast given me a south land. (Answer: blessing)

Give me also _____ of water. (Answer: springs)

Family Discussion:

- What is something you've been too afraid to ask God for?
- How does knowing God is your Father — not a distant figure — change the way you pray?
- Right now, let each person ask God out loud for one specific thing.

DAY 3 – SANCTIFIED THROUGH TRUTH

Read John 17 as a family. Have different family members read every three verses.

KEY VERSE: John 17:17

REFLECTION

- Jesus prayed, “Sanctify them through thy truth” — the Greek word for truth there means unconcealment, the active unveiling of what has been hidden
- When God’s Word opens up to you — when a verse stops being text and becomes something alive — that is not a feeling; that is God releasing power into your life through the truth

Sanctify them through thy _____: thy word is _____. (Answer: truth, truth)

Family Discussion:

- *What does it mean to be sanctified by “His Truth”?*
- *What does it mean to be set apart?*
- *Pick one verse from John 17 together. Write it somewhere you’ll see it this week — phone wallpaper, sticky note, or whiteboard.*