



THE INSIDE RUNNING

The process of transformation to becoming more like Christ implies continual change.

An issue that has vexed some people since the day of Pentecost is the place and power of God's Holy Spirit. At that time some religious people mocked those who came under the power of the Holy Spirit, saying they were drunk.

Before the 1970s, it was not common to pray for people to be healed and expect miraculous results. Now most Christians are comfortable praying for people's healing.

To be transformed means breaking out of negative cycles. Our hope is in God's power, which is greater than the satanic forces that can imprison people's minds, bodies and spirits. To use all that God makes available to us is our choice. This month Mike Connell and Seth Fawcett clearly state what it looks like to step out in faith, embrace the Holy Spirit and engage in the battle.

If this makes you uncomfortable, I would appreciate you taking time to listen to Steve Berger's MP3 audio *There's Got to Be Anointing, Power, Purpose* where he gently takes the listener through scripture to illustrate what the active participation of the Holy Spirit in our life can look like.

There is always more in God.

Blessings

John Subritzky



Power of God

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I love the promise we are given in Jeremiah 29:11 – *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Often we can merely interpret this verse as talking about our physical wellbeing and human prospects. The truth is that God did have a plan, and that plan was unveiled on the day of Pentecost, which was the birthing of the Church. God's will was happening; it was what Jesus had promised and what they were waiting for, even though they did not know what to expect.

Jesus had promised, *"...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8)

Then they got the promise! *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.* (Acts 2:4)

God wanted them filled with the Spirit so that they had the power to do what He trained them for and told them to do. He also knew that the Holy Spirit always gives hope and a future.

Then in Samaria the same thing happened as Peter spoke, *"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as He had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said, 'John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'"* (Acts 11:15)

Nothing has changed. God wants us filled with the Spirit so we can do what He has asked us to do.

Paul was an expert on the Old Testament. He was trained by the best! In his writings we connect the promise of the Old Testament to the experience of the New Testament. When we read the epistles we are reading instruction and encouragement to people who had been birthed in revival, as we read in Acts, and were either drifting away or in danger of losing their revelation of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. ➤

TRANSFORMING MEN!



> There are many examples of this. "Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?" (Gal 3:3)

Paul does point us to God's will for us – "Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. **Instead, be filled with the Spirit.**" (Eph 5:17-18)

Paul is really saying you need to allow the Spirit to show you God in all His love, mercy, compassion, goodness and joy.

The same Paul who wrote Ephesians also wrote Colossians, so Paul knew what he was meaning in his prayer for them to have "the knowledge of God's will" (Col 1:9) - be filled with the Spirit! There is often the temptation to be content with a touch from God, and not hunger and thirst and receive the filling that Jesus promised.

There are some people who religiously speak of "wanting God's will for their life". Here it is - **get full of the Spirit**; be a person who walks in the promised power.

God wants us filled with the Spirit so that we have the same power to represent Him to the world (witnesses) that the early Church had.

Being full will mean we receive the power to fulfill Mark 16:15-18, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation..."

We receive the same power (anointing) that Jesus spoke of in Luke 4:18-19.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

That is why His will is, "**be filled with the Spirit**".

Do not settle for only a touch of the Spirit, BE FILLED!

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DRAMA: Beware the Burning Bush 3 min 45

BONUS FEATURES:

• **My Story - AJ Heijns:** After AJ's rugby career came unstuck he had to re-evaluate the direction of his life. 5 min

• **PK Music: Cornerstone** 3 min 40

• **The Call 2013 Highlights:** Men were deeply impacted at *The Call* by messages focused on hope, purpose and future. See some of the best segments here. 8 min

• **Pure Power 2014 Event Promo - Water** 2 min 20

• **Mountain of Temptation - Gary Colville:** An excellent overview of temptation and how to deal with it. Gary's straight talking is honest and to the point. 15 min

• **More - Cravings/Addictions** - Are your cravings killing you or bringing you to life? An edgy short film on how the cravings and addictions we face can impact us and others. Good discussion starter on these adult themes. 6 min

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BETTER WORK STORIES: High Voltage Clean. How hard can it be? Washing down live high voltage wires from a helicopter! 3 min 20

DVD EXTRA RESOURCES: Access these using Windows Explorer (PC) or Command F (Mac)

ARTICLES: Including Nikki Bray - *Don't Take One Another for Granted*; Role Models Derek Prince - *God's Abundance: Tapping the Source Pt 1 & 2* Francis Frangipane - *Everyone Who Seeks Finds; The Stronghold of the Godly - Humility* Kevin Forlong - *Focus on Service; What's in a Name* Ian Buckley - *How to Face Your Future; What's Your Excuse* NZ Herald article - *Odyssey to Help Sex Victims*

RESOURCES: Including Bill Subritzky's booklet *How to Move in the Power of the Holy Spirit* Weekly Studies for Men's Groups with Group Facilitator's Guide; *The Call* 2013 WLG Event Photos; Men's Life Stories AKL 2013; *Pure Power* 2014 Event Advance Brochure; *Pure Power* 2014 Group Leaders' Pack Resources; Mike Connell - *Empowering the Team Study Questions*; Tom O'Neil - *Stance Blogs - Nov & Dec*; Bible Reading Plans

MP3s: Including Steve Berger - *There's Got to be Anointing, Power, Purpose* 44 min Derek Prince - *Gifts of the Spirit* 113 min Kenny Luck - *The Turning Hour Pt 1* 42 min **PKUSA Classic:** Dr Gary Oliver - *Real Men Have Feelings Too* 40 min **PKNZ Classics:** Graeme Lauridsen - *Courage Under Fire* 36 min Mark Beale - *God's Power Unleashed* 28 min

The Holy Spirit today

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