

Read: Acts 1: 4-8

DAY 12
Friday, July 24, 2020

Where Is the Power?

“But 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

Recently, Pearl, my wife, mentioned as we were about to begin the day, “The clothes dryer is not working.” She went on to explain how old it was. I began to think a new dryer is needed. Moments later, it was brought to my attention, “The burners on the stove are not working.” But our predicament continued. Then I learned, “The water is not hot and the hot water tank is not working.”

At that point, something began to click in my mind. All three appliances -- natural gas-based -- are not working. Perhaps the problem is not the appliances but the source of energy is not flowing. So I went outside to check, and sure enough I discovered the problem. A simple twist of the gas valve and all three appliances were working properly!

We often hear about what’s wrong with the church. The preaching is not working. The singing is not working. The giving is not working. The church just seems to be on her last legs. But I did some checking. I went back to the book of Acts – the birth of the Church. It didn’t take long to be reminded that the church cannot function when the source of its energy is cut off.

Perhaps we need to check the connection to the source of our power, the Person of the Holy Spirit. If we sense there’s a disconnection, let us humble ourselves and rediscover the reality of the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Church will work when the power is flowing! Pray that during this time of seeking His Face, that God would *“Fire our zeal anew, through the power of His Spirit!” -EL*

Seeking the Hand of God

Pray ... that our churches will be innovative in trying new ideas through media, as we move into a new church year. And that we will experience a banner year, as lost are *saved*, backsliders are *reclaimed* and spiritually-mature believers are *renewed*!