*Series: Life in the Spirit, 2*

A Life of Power **Acts 1 and 2**

Power: it refers to strength, influence, speed, force, energy. We use it in positive and negative ways; it can be constructive or destructive.

Jesus used the word *dúnamin* in Acts 1:8, to describe to the disciples what was coming. That word is where we get the word dynamite. So, is spiritual power something to be desired and sought? Or something to be feared?

Luke 9 & 10 tell us that Jesus gave his disciples power to drive out demons, cure diseases and heal the sick. So, did they need more power than that?

What we can learn from the coming of the Holy Spirit:

1) Jesus called the HS a promise, a gift – 1:4, 2:38

2) The disciples received power – 1:8

3) The result was proclaiming the Gospel – 1:8, 2:4-13

4) Repentance came naturally – 2:38, 41

5) Baptism followed – 1:5, 2:38, 41, 47

6) Selflessness abounded – 2:42-47

Question to ponder:

\* When we say we believe in the presence, power and filling of the Holy Spirit, are we concerned about # 3 thru 6? Or are we just desirous of power?

\* Do our lives truly demonstrate spiritual power? Do things happen that could not, if we just depended on our natural human strength?