

May 6, 2018  
Acts 1:4-26

## PROMISE, POWER, AND PRAYER

### I. Introduction:

Profile of The Apostle Peter  
A First Round Draft Choice of our Lord Jesus

(Mark 1:14-17, Matthew 16:18;  
Luke 22:54-62; Acts 4:16-20)

**Question: What Changed Peter's Life?**

### II. Three Things That Changed Peter's Life

#### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father **promised**, which you have heard me speak about. Acts 1:4

"Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'<sup>6</sup> Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief.<sup>7</sup> But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you." John 16:5-7

#### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of The Holy Spirit

<sup>8</sup> 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

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my **power** is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's **power** may rest on me. 10 That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

### C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Prayer

"They all joined together constantly in **prayer**."  
Acts 1:14

"They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to **prayer**."  
Acts 2:42

### III. Conclusion and Application:

**Through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit we can live victorious and meaningful lives.**

**POINTS TO PONDER**  
**Week Of May 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Acts 1:11-26**

#### Open It

1. \*When you were growing up, how did you and your friends choose teams for games of kickball, tag, or other such games?
2. If you had to serve on a church committee, which one would you choose? Why?

3. When you work together with other people, what kind of role suits you best?
4. When working with others as part of a team, do you prefer to give orders or follow orders? Why?

### **Explore It**

5. Where did the ascension of Jesus take place? (1:12)
6. How did the apostles show that they were following Jesus' orders? (1:12-13)
7. How many apostles were still following Christ after His death and resurrection? (1:13)
8. Who was present at the meeting of eleven apostles? (1:14)
9. What did the group of eleven apostles do when they got together? (1:14)
10. Who took the leadership among the early Christians? (1:15)
11. \*How did Peter take leadership of the early Christians after Jesus' ascension? (1:15-17)
12. How did Peter show high regard for the Scriptures? (1:16-17)
13. How did Judas betray both Jesus and the other disciples? (1:16-17)
14. What happened as a result of Judas's treachery? (1:18-20)

15. \*What did Peter propose to do about the vacancy left by Judas? (1:21-22)
16. Who was named to replace Judas? (1:23)
17. What did the apostles do to select the right candidate to succeed Judas? (1:24-26)
18. \*How did the apostles choose Judas's successor? (1:24-26)
19. Who was selected to be the twelfth apostle? (1:26)

### **Get It**

20. Recalling that Peter denied Jesus earlier, how do you think the disciples felt about Peter's leadership?
21. When have you felt uncomfortable submitting to someone's leadership?
22. \*How do you make important decisions in your family?
23. \*Why is prayer important in our decision-making process?
24. What approach does your church follow in making important decisions?
25. How can you support and encourage your church leaders?
26. In what way do you need to be more involved or less involved in church ministries?

### **Apply It**

27. \*What is one way you can include God in all important decisions you make?
28. How can you improve your prayer life?

