

FAITH WITH POWER

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2 THES. 1:11-12

The work of faith with power or the word and the spirit. Faith comes by hearing the word, and power comes from the Holy Spirit.

LUKE 24:49-52

They were instructed not to begin any ministry until heaven came down and endued them with power from above. So, they went to Jerusalem in obedience to Jesus.

ACTS 1:12-14

Upper Room – usually the largest room located on the 2nd or 3rd floor of the house.

- Belonged to Mary, mother of John Mark. She was wealthy, and she was the sister of Barnabas.
- John Mark wrote the Gospel of Mark.

While the tradition of Pentecost was being celebrated by the Jews, 120 were in Mary's upper living room pressing into the presence of God.

- They were diligent and persistent and never let up.
- They set their faces to move forward in God.
- They were passionate, excited, and stirred up about receiving the promise of the Father.
- They were actively pursuing what God wanted them to have.
- In prayer: Close contact with God in complete surrender. Willing to give up something in exchange for something better.

ACTS 2:1-4

Suddenly: Something occurs, a sound from heaven comes, that's loud and deafening. The house is filled to capacity. They see fire that appears as tongues upon each one. Everyone is filled to capacity and speaks with other tongues enabled by the Spirit.

ACTS 2:16

The fulfillment of Joel's prophecy had begun. Common people are filled, enabled, and empowered by the Spirit to continue the works of Jesus in His absence.

ACTS 1:8

120 people poured down three flights of stairs into the streets of Jerusalem transformed by the power of God.

- This one great act of God is responsible for all the spirit-empowered acts of men that have taken place from Pentecost until now.
- "This is that" – if we want it, we too must surrender, seek, and press into God's presence and expect God to move by His spirit and do as He pleases among us.