

A collage of various seashells and starfish in woven baskets. The top left basket contains several spiral shells with brown and white stripes. The top right basket is filled with large, pointed, white shells, some with iridescent interiors. The bottom left basket is overflowing with numerous white starfish of various sizes. The bottom right basket contains several large, white, oval-shaped shells with black spots and stripes. The background is a solid teal color.

52 Weeks of Power

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They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus.

- Acts 1:14-16

We believe that it's God's desire for all of us to live in His presence and walk with power each day of our lives, but how do we actually activate the Spirit in your life? Acts 1:14-16 gives us a glimpse into how the early followers of Jesus positioned themselves to experience God's Spirit, and it's a pattern we can follow today. They are three things the Scripture highlights for us when it comes this; waiting, filling, and giving.

1. Waiting

The first step is waiting, not in passively, but with expectation. Acts 1:14-16 tells us that the disciples constantly prayed together, they spent time in the Scriptures, and chose to walk in community with other believers. It's about creating space for God to flow, speak, teach, and lead us. Are you rushing through life or are you creating margin to wait on Him? Waiting prepares our hearts to receive.

2. Filling

When the Spirit filled the disciples at Pentecost, it wasn't just a one-time event. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 5:18 to "be filled with the Spirit." This is a continual process. Let us invite God to fill us daily as we surrender more of our hearts and lives to Him. Being filled means living under God's influence, allowing His Spirit to shape our thoughts, words, and actions every day.

3. Giving

Finally, we activate the Spirit's work by giving our time, money, and our lives. The second chapter of Acts shows us a beautiful picture of what a generous community looks like.

When we give ourselves away, the Spirit moves through us to impact others. When you serve others, when you practice generosity, when you live beyond yourself, that's evidence of the Spirit at work.

READ: Acts 1-2

REFLECT:

1. Question 1: Which area, waiting, filling, or giving, do you need to lean into right now?
2. Question 2: Where in your life do you sense the Spirit inviting you to trust Him more deeply?

PRAYER:

Lord, teach me to wait on You with patience and expectation. Fill me continually with Your Spirit so I can live empowered and led by You each day. As I give my time, resources, and life, I pray others will encounter Your love through me. Amen.