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"Empowered for Revolution" Acts 1–2

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Music:

Forever Reign	Ever Be	Good Good Father
Spirit of the Living God	Great Are You Lord	

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. — Acts 1:8

Jerusalem	Acts 1-7
Judea & Samaria	Acts 8-12
Ends of the earth	Acts 13-28

Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." – Acts 1:4-5

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. – John 15:1–3

"I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me. – John 17:6-8

Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again, he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. – John 20:21–22

The disciples are purified, clean, and guiltless. The disciples are believers. The disciples have received Holy Spirit.

"If the Lord Jesus did not presume to begin His public ministry or perform a single service as our Teacher and Example until He received the Holy Spirit what right have we to go forth in our self-sufficiency and attempt to minister at the altar of Christian service until we have been endued with power from on high?" – A. B. Simpson Mission without deeper life leads to humanitarianism. Deeper life without mission leads to fanaticism. Deeper life with mission will lead to revolution. – D. Hearn

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