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## THE SECOND OUTPOURING

The first outpouring of the Holy Ghost occurred at Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2:4. The apostles, led by Peter and John, then began to perform miracles of healing by the power of the Holy Ghost [Spirit] in the name of Jesus. Two powerful sermons by the Apostle Peter brought 8,000 people to salvation.

This greatly disturbed the Jewish nonbelieving leaders. They laid hands on Peter and John, taking them captive, and brought them before the ruling council to be questioned. They then threatened them with harm and commanded them in Acts chapter 4 to speak no more in the name of Jesus.

Upon their release, Peter and John returned to their company of believers and reported the threats to them. When the group heard this, all of them lifted up their voices in a cry of earnest prayer to God. He answered that prayer with a fresh outpouring of the Holy Ghost [Spirit] upon all those who were assembled together.

In Acts 4:31 it says, ***“And when they prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.”*** This was a second fresh and new outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon each, and everyone gathered in that place. The place itself was shaken like an earthquake had happened. It was a sign of God’s mighty power. The refilling of the Holy Ghost power gave them all a great boldness to speak God’s word in Jesus’ name. [Acts 4:31, 33.]

Fear was destroyed. Bold faith arose. The body of believers came together in one heart, one mind, and one accord. They continued to declare Jesus even as further persecutions ensued.

Likewise, when we face challenges, we should take it to the Lord in prayer, and He will empower us to press through faithfully.

We often tend to “leak” spiritually a bit. Being refilled with the Holy Ghost and power enables us to stand strong for Jesus at all times. This “refilling” is actually a continuous progress of “being” daily filled with the Holy Ghost and power. It is not meant to be an occasional filling, but rather an ongoing daily infilling.

Start each new morning with the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving, and He will fill you afresh and anew for that day.