

Testimony of the Holy Spirit!

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Father, we know You are here, Your Spirit is here in our midst and we know Lord that therefore You will speak to Your children because You are our Father and we are Your children. And as a Father, You always long to speak to Your children. Speak to us this night too. May we go back home strengthened in our inner man. Confirm once again that our Father loves us, our Father will never leave us, our Father will never forsake us, our Father will be with us till the end and our Father is all powerful. There is nothing impossible with our Father. It is to You we have come to O' Father, speak to us Lord for we ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Last week when we stopped, remember when we closed, we looked at why it is so important to never miss that secret place. And age is not a factor for God. Why? It is because our God is a Father. And you know fathers can talk to babies; makes sounds for the baby which the baby understands; and fathers can talk like man to man, man to a daughter or children who are big. So in the secret place the young boy Samuel heard from the Father and in the secret place before the burning bush an eighty year old man heard from the Father. So the secret place is not just for older people. Any one of you children can hear but God will watch whether you are coming. Don't ever think that one day if you go immediately He will speak. He will watch to see if we are very serious about Him. When you keep going and talking to God, one day you will be so surprised because He will talk back to you. Never miss the secret place because that's where you hear from God. That's where your faith is strengthened. There is a place for the ministry of the Word, there is a place for ministry of prayer, there is a place for fellowship but over and beyond all that, if you study the lives of the people in the Bible, what sustained them till the end was their encounter with God daily at the secret place. The secret place is like for a baby the arms of the mother. A child falls and he is hurts, he cries; the child has a night mare, the child cries but when the mother lifts the baby up and holds him close, everything is still. In *Psalms 131*, David talks about his relationship with God.

Psalm 131:2

² Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

They key is that verse 2. He says, "Like a little child weaned with his mother is my soul with God." My soul is like a weaned child with God. David tells Israel, "O Israel, put your hope in the Lord forever more." There He will deal with us, He will deal with our feelings, He will deal with our fears, He will deal with all the issues of our life. And if you want to walk consistently with God, let me tell you little ones and older ones, if you want to walk with God till the end, you will have to walk into that secret place consistently, because we can walk with God only by faith. We don't walk with God by feelings, we don't walk with God with reason, we walk with God by faith. Only faith will lead you to that secret place. And God is always leading us to stronger and stronger faith. So watch your feelings. Feelings can make us panic. Though God asks us to walk by faith and we have the promise of God, Sarah panicked -Feelings! "Ten years are over and I am not having a child." That's all feelings. But she gave into her feelings and Abraham gave into her feelings. Our feelings will make us do stupid things; really stupid things. The mother of faith did the most stupid thing because of feelings. When God tells us something, our feelings can make us laugh at God. Both Abraham laughed and Sarah also laughed when God said that this will happen. Feelings can make us desperate.

When Joseph's brother came and told Jacob that Joseph is dead, Jacob became desperate and said, "No longer do I need to live. My son is dead!" Is his son dead? Did he forget the two dreams his son has told him few years back? Didn't the father know that the dreams are from God? If God has spoken to his son that one day we will all bow before him, how can that son die? Jacob became desperate because he believed the feelings. That is why faith is so important. God has told, I believe many of you, He has given you promises. It just needs to be one promise and that promise is bigger and higher than everything you feel or reason with. God can build the entire house of your life over that one promise. Most of the men in the Word of God, you will see, got only one promise and their entire life was defined by that one promise of God. Are we getting the picture? You go through any person in the Bible who walked by faith, they all had one promise. And on that promise, God built their life. Hold on to your promise. The Holy Spirit is always there and He waits to see whether we believe. What does Scripture say? "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved." What do we have to do? He did

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not say, “Be saved and then believe.” He said, “What you have to do first is believe.” Whatever your situation is, doesn’t matter what your situation is, the first thing God asks you is, “Do you believe?”

Tomorrow children have exams. Some of them who are in higher classes tomorrow is your last exam and tomorrow may be your most difficult exam, may be you didn’t even study at all, it’s already 8:15 PM and there is no time to study also. Now you have two choices: One- go tomorrow, write and fail or two- go to Jesus, repent and ask for mercy. And He says that He is merciful. And boldly go to your Father and say, “You are able and You make me able.” The first thing God says is, “Do you believe?” He says, “If you believe, you will be saved.” Saving, only He can do. I cannot save, you cannot save, nobody else can save but God can save.

I want to put this across - may be you don’t have a house, may be your income is very little and you know that with your income you can never have a house of your own. The question is this – do you believe that God can give you a house? Do you believe that with your marks God can give you a job? The first thing God asks is, “Do you believe?” Do you believe that He is all powerful? Do you believe He is your Father? Do you believe when Scripture says that He is your Father who loves you as He loved Jesus? Do we believe? We have to believe first what God says. And to believe I have to hear what God says. So why do we keep studying the Word of God? To know what God says. And then believe what God says. The rest God says, “I will do.” The first thing God always asks is, “Do you believe in Me?” Not believe in ourselves. You know in *1 Corinthians 1:26-28*, we know those verses very well. Do you know what is written over there?

1 Corinthians 1:26-28

²⁶ For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: ²⁷ But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; ²⁸ And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

Scripture says that God chooses the foolish things, the weak things. Now you ask yourself, why would anyone choose foolish things? Now God is not saying that you should be a fool so that He can choose you. Why? Because when you have very little strength, it is actually easier to believe in somebody who is stronger. The minute you have more wisdom, when you have a problem, you are trying to work out the solution. If you have no money at all, if you fall sick, you will say, “Lord, heal me.” Or you will say, “Pastor, pray for me.” If you have little money, you will go to the doctor first. You know what God says? “That’s why I like the foolish people and weak people because when I tell them something, they will listen because they know they cannot do it.” That’s the truth. If you are very weak in maths, actually you will cry out to God. If you are strong in maths, you won’t ask God. You say, “I can solve it myself.” Our weakness becomes God’s strength. That is why extremely smart man called Moses, God waited until he became a foolish man. Extremely wise man called Moses and made him into a foolish man, then in his foolishness when he trusted God, He made him a great man. He doesn’t want you to remain as a fool. Sometimes we think that our strength is good. It is not good because, you know what? We will not trust God. Weakness is not a bad thing if you know how to lean on God’s strength. Might is not a good thing because we will not lean on God. So God says, “Understand this.” In *2 Corinthians 10:4*, what does Scripture say?

2 Corinthians 10:4

⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

What is God saying? The walk of faith is also a battle. But we cannot fight with weapons which are of this world. The weapons we fight with are not weapons of the wise. Are we getting the picture? If you are a wise man, if you have to fight a battle, you will think – “I can fight it with a sword.” But when you become a foolish man, and when God says, “Fight this battle with a stick,” you will fight. Somebody who’s used to the sword is now fighting a battle with a stick. See the pictures in the Old Testament, are put there for us in the New Testament. Moses thought, “I can fight with a sword.” God said that we do not fight battle like in the world. That’s what that Scripture says – *Our weapons are not weapons of the flesh*. What does Scripture say there? They are not weapons of the world, they are weapons of the Spirit. Which man will fight with a stick? What did David use? He used a sling. Are you getting the picture? Jael used a nail. Shamgar used an ox goad. Why are these things mentioned there in the Old Testament? Why are they mentioned? It doesn’t say that Moses used a sword, Shamgar used a javelin, David used a spear, why? It is because these are weapons of the world. But they did not use the weapons of the world; they used the weapons of the Spirit. And that’s what God is saying. God is saying, “Do you that you

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all have been given the weapons of the Spirit?” Do we know that we have been given weapons of the Spirit? Turn to *Romans 12:6-8*. We are looking at the Holy Spirit, verse 6 to 8, just 3 verses, listen to that carefully,

Romans 12:6-8

⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

We have different gifts, according to the grace given. Now for that word *gift* and put it as a spiritual weapon, every gift of the Holy Spirit is a weapon in the spiritual realm. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith, if it is serving, let him serve. Did you realize that you may have a gift of serving and that is a weapon? That it can be a powerful weapon in the spiritual realm. Ten-fifteen years ago, I forgot, I think it was 1999, on the same day, two women died, same day two women died. One woman was considered at that time, the most beautiful woman in the world. She used her beauty as a weapon. Her name was Diana. The same day another woman died. She had a gift which God gave, which is called serving. Her name was mother Teresa. But with that weapon called serving she demolished strongholds across the world. Millions and millions of the people came out from the gutter, came out from the streets and got saved. She had only one gift. The gift was very simple. She had the gift of serving. Not prophecies, not miracles, not teaching, she had no such gift. One gift; but she knew it was a weapon. Are you getting me? And she always said, when people asked her – How do you do this? She always said, “I do it for Jesus.” Are you getting the picture? We don't see these as weapons. Another place it says – teaching. God says, “Did you know that it is a spiritual weapon?” Next place it says – Encouraging. Did you ever think that encouraging, if you got the gift of encouraging, that is a gift and a weapon? It is a powerful spiritual weapon. Look at the next one there. *Contributing to the needs of others; let him give generously.* Leadership.

Another place it is called – showing mercy. Did you know you could have a gift called mercy? Imagine Caleb has the gift of mercy. You know what it means? Everybody who sins and is feeling guilty, automatically the Spirit will lead them to Cale b. And they will come and tell, “Caleb, you know I did a terrible thing.” And automatically it comes from Caleb, “It doesn't matter, just repent, God forgives you,” and they go forgiven and delivered. It is just a gift working. And some people don't even know that it comes so naturally to them, it is a gift given by God, a mighty weapon. And God asks, “Do you realize this?” In this battle of the Spirit, in this battle of faith, we have also been given gifts, weapons like they were given in the Old Testament. Every time you exercise this gift, prisoners are being set free. Demonic powers are being demolished.

In the Old Testament, what was the parallel? A shepherd's stick, an ox goad, Jael's nail, a stone, David's sling, a dagger. And you look over there, with these things, Israel was delivered. God says, “The parallel is this: I have given you gifts. And you get into the secret place, you hear from Me, My Spirit comes upon you, you use this gift; captives will still be set free. Don't let any man say that I have not given you.” He says, “I have given you a gift, I have given you a measure of faith.” That's what *Romans 12:3* will say – *Everybody has been given a measure of faith.* And then, as we keep exercising, your faith starts growing. As Abraham exercised his faith, his faith starts growing. By the time he is 100 plus years old, his faith has conquered all his feelings and Scripture says – *Take your son, your only son.* And the next thing it is written that next day morning he went. Faith has overcome. Feeling, reason, everything has been overcome by faith. God says, “As you start exercising, know this that your faith will grow.” So God is saying – Imagine, think, what is your gift? Turn with me to *Judges 3:31*, what is written?

Judges 3:31

³¹ After him was Shamgar the son of Anath, who killed six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad; and he also delivered Israel.

Shamgar rescued Israel with an ox goad, killed six hundred men; only one man. Think for a minute. You have to use your mind, ok. God is not saying that just because you believe, you don't use your mind at all. He is only saying, “Be mindful, how you use your mind.” This is a farmer, he is in his field, he is ploughing his field. An ox goad is a long stick. One end is pointed, to goad the ox. The other end has a metal plate, which would take the mud off the yoke. That is an ox goad. A simple Israelite farmer. Then one day he looks, he sees a battalion of Philistine soldiers. He has three options – First option, turn around and run. Leave your ox, leave your field, run for your life. Second option, fall on your face and say, “Please don't harm me.” Third option – Stand and believe, “Who am I, who is my God and who are these? If I believe my God can

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deliver.” You know if you read the book of Hebrew, chapter 11, just underline when you read chapter 11. Almost every line will begin by saying – By faith, by faith, by faith, by faith.

Shamgar had to fight his feelings. Feelings tell him, “Run, run or fall.” Reason tells him, “No man can fight a battalion with an ox goad.” But faith tells him, “You can, because my forefathers did. Moses overcame by faith, Joshua overcame by faith.” Faith has to rise. Imagine the first Philistine soldier rushes at him and he swings his ox goad, next thing you see the man is dead. What happened here? You got the gift of mercy. Suddenly somebody calls you and he confesses and you pray and you say, “The Lord forgives.” Few days later, you are in Church and you look at that person, that person is worshipping. And you are wondering, “Isn’t this the person I prayed for?” That devil in his life is dead. Are you getting the picture? The next philistine came, one more swing, he’s also dead. Now they are coming two-by-two, they are coming three-by-three. Suddenly you look around, they are all lying around dead. Finally the captain comes, you swing at him. Next thing you look – they are all dead. But how did it start? It started when he believed in his God and he struck the first one dead. After the first step, everybody struggles with that first step, your faith grows stronger and stronger. Next thing you look, six hundred are dead. God is asking us, “What is your ox goad? Is it prayer? Is it mercy? Is it encouraging?” God says, “Whatever it is, use it prayerfully.” Getting the picture? God says, “It will be used. It is how you fight this spiritual battle.” Remember, Satan hates people when they start walking in faith. Satan knows very well the power of our God and he knows very well the love God has for us. He knows these both. Even if you don’t know and I don’t know, satan knows very well that God is all powerful and God loves these terrible people called people. He knows it both, so he will try one of these two things. To stop us from walking in faith, one thing is called unbelief. What is unbelief? “I don’t believe God can do this for me. Either God can’t or even if God can, He won’t do it for me or through me.” Watch out for unbelief or second thing; if you believe and you know that God is starting to use you, what will he try to do? He will try to get you to sin. Because he knows both will block the power of God in our lives. Why? Because he knows very well that God is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Unbelief blocks God's power. Sin blocks God's presence. So watch out for these two, these are the two ways we limit the Holy Spirit. The devil knows very well and people who know God also know very well, there is nothing impossible with God. He is a God who split the Red Sea and fed millions of people for forty years; who stopped the sun for a man. Why are all these things recorded? Why do you think all these things are recorded? To tell us that it’s our Father who did it. And He will do it for you too. If there is a need in your life, He will still do it. He hasn’t changed. He is the same God, same powerful God, same loving God, so watch out for unbelief. Why is every sin in the Bible recorded? Why is it recorded? It is recorded to tell us that if Abraham sins against God and creates an Ishmael, if God did not speak to him for thirteen years, until he's ready to repent, He won’t speak to me too. If David sins and if God will not speak to him until he repents, God is saying, "I will not speak to you too." So, all the power of God is recorded, all the sins of man are recorded to show that God does not change. Yet it is recorded that whenever man repented, God came back and did the same work again. So, understand this, the Spirit of God hasn’t changed, God's nature hasn’t changed. Whatever we are going through, God has the power to deal with it and He has the love for us that He will deal with it. God says, "Don’t block Me with unbelief, don’t stop My presence by your sin, deal with this." In *Mark 5:29*

Mark 5:29

²⁹ Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

This is a weak woman, very weak woman. You know sometimes when you play with wire, only one little wire is left but when you touch it, the bulb still glows. Only one wire, one little wire. The power still flows and the bulb is lit. One weak woman, absolutely weak, twelve years of issue of blood, one weak touch, you know what Scripture says? Power of God went out from Jesus. Power of God immediately went. You know what God is saying? "I am looking from you one little weak touch of faith. My power is waiting." Now let me ask you this question. Did Jesus know? Jesus did not know. He had no clue who touched Him. Did the crowd know? The crowd did not know. Did the disciples know? The disciples did not know. Why? It is because she touched Him in secret. What does Scripture say? Our Father who sees in secret, immediately told the Holy Spirit, “Flow.” Even Jesus in the flesh did not know. But we have a Father who watches in secret every step of faith. Immediately the power flowed. Jesus stopped, Jesus calls her out, “Give your testimony.” Who wants to give a testimony, right? She gave her testimony, very interesting if you read it. Do you know how Jesus started the journey? A big man called Jairus comes, “Lord, Lord please come, my daughter is sick, please come.” Jesus said, “Ok, we'll go.” He's going to a rich man's house, when a poor lady touches Him. Immediately He stops. Think about the rich man. “Why are You asking all these question, ‘Who stopped me?’” Now she says, ‘I touched.’ Now you want to hear all her testimonies. My daughter is

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dying there.” You can’t hurry Jesus, whenever Jesus does something, please remember, even when Jesus does something in our lives, what we see as delay, there is purpose. This lady comes and speaks, “This is what happened to me...” Now look at Jesus, in *verse 34*, what did Jesus tell her?

Mark 5:34

³⁴ And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”

What did he tell her? Did He say, “Your touch healed you”? Did He say that? No, He said, “It’s your faith that healed you” and it’s interesting. This woman had this sickness for twelve years, so I guess she must be at least fifty years old. How old is he? Thirty, thirty one? What did He call her? He called her daughter, why? It is because it is not He who is speaking. It’s the Father who is speaking, “My daughter I am pleased by your faith.” Now look at the next verse.

³⁵ While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?”

While Jesus was speaking. Think about this: Here is this lady, who is healed, Jesus stops, “Who touched Me,” Power went, she comes, she confesses, Jesus is saying, “Excellent”, who is listening? Jairus is listening and as Jesus is speaking, what do they come and say? “Your daughter is dead,” did he need to hear this? For his faith would grow, He had to see that, he had to hear that, because he came with little faith. “My daughter is ill.” Now while he’s going, he’s seen a miracle, he’s heard a testimony and his faith has gone up. As his faith is going up, he hears the report, “Your daughter is dead.” What did the people say? “Don’t bother Jesus anymore, your daughter is dead.” What did Jesus tell him? Look at the next verse, “**Don’t be afraid, just believe.**” Didn’t Jesus say? Now let me ask you this question: Is it easier for Jairus to believe? Is it easier for him to believe? Yes, now just imagine, take the woman out of the story, Jesus is going with Jairus, suddenly people come and tell Jairus, “Don’t bother the Master, your daughter is dead.” Jairus will say, “I think You don’t need to come, my daughter is dead.” Is that what happened? God ordained that a simple weak woman touched Him. She got healed, she gave her testimony, Jairus’s faith is up and Jesus says, “*Don’t be afraid, just believe*” and they continue their journey. Do you understand the ways of God?

God says, “Every delay, everything is to keep on strengthening your faith.” Don’t put your faith in your feelings. Don’t put your faith in the words of man. Put your faith in the Word of God. You know what? In *Ephesians 1:17-20*, God tells us what power of God is available for those who believe.

Ephesians 1:17-20

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

I want you to look specifically in the English Bible in verse 19 and 20. His incomparably great power for us. Who? Did you see that? The power of God, incomparable, power of God for us who believe. God says, “There is no comparison to the power that I have. All I need from you is: Will you believe Me? And then the nature of that power is mentioned. What is the nature of the power? *Verse 20* says, “*It is the resurrection power which raised Jesus from the dead and put Him on the right hand side of the Father.*”

What was day before yesterday? It was Resurrection Sunday. You know what it means? That power which raised Jesus from the dead, is available for every child of God who believes. That was the greatest manifestation of God’s power. His Son was raised up from the dead all the way up to heaven on the right side of Father. God says, “That’s available for everyone who believes.” What is the resurrection power? It means that whatever you think in your life is dead can be brought back to life. If you think that your studies are dead, God says, “I can give you life.” God says, “If your finances are dead I can give life. If you relationships are dead I can bring life.” Wherever the devil has said, “It is dead,” God says, “I can give life.” The power of death and the power of the devil have been broken. In *Philippians 3:10*,

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Philippians 3:10

¹⁰ ***That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;***

What does he say? "I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection." He says, "I want to know Christ and I want to know the power of that resurrection." Why? It is because it is given to everyone who believes. And all that woman needed was a little faith to touch Him and that power flowed into her. And to Jairus God said, "Don't be afraid, you may think your daughter is dead. Don't be afraid. Just believe." When you hear, when you read, God says, "Just believe. Don't look at your circumstances. Don't look at your weaknesses. Don't look at your feelings," He says, "lift up your head and look. What do you see? A Cross is empty. The tomb is empty."

If you go to the Middle East, there is a wonderful tomb. They will say that is the tomb of Mohammed. If you go to Kushinagar in UP, a part of Buddha's body is buried there. If you go to China, the Chinese religion founder Confucius' tomb is there. Everywhere you know any man who founded a religion; their tomb is there. You go to Jerusalem, there is an open tomb, everybody can go in and see, it is empty. The Cross is empty, the tomb is empty, you know why, because our God has risen. And Scripture says that that resurrection power is available to His children. God says that if He's risen, know this; we are also risen, why? What are we called? We are called the Body of Christ. When the disciples of Jesus saw Him ascending, they saw the whole Jesus ascending, they didn't see the head alone going up. That is why the Book of Ephesians says that we are seated in Christ on the right hand side of the Father. Because He says that the Body has the same resurrection power which the Head has. That is what you have to see in your mind's eye. That evening, what do you see, a tired farmer leaning on his ox goad, tired, take a look around him, all dead bodies of the Philistines. Now you turn to 2 Timothy 4:7,

2 Timothy 4:7

⁷ ***I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.***

It is over, did you see Paul? An old man, very old man lying in prison, in chains, waiting for death, that is how you see. That is not how you see in the spiritual realm, you will see all of Asia Minor, Europe, powers and stronghold have been demolished, thousands and thousands of children have been set free. Why? It is because that man was an ox goad in God's hands. Don't see with physical eyes, what you saw in the physical in the Old Testament, you will see in the spiritual in the New Testament. What does God say? "It is not by might, it is not by strength, it is by My Spirit." Do you know that in book of Judges these are all simple people who stood up and said, "We believe," now just read a few verses about each one of them. Judges 3:10

Judges 3:10

³ ***The Spirit of the Lord came upon him,***

That one verse 'The Spirit of the Lord came upon Him' that is enough. What does Scripture say? *The Spirit of the Lord came upon him.* Now turn to Judges 6:34

Judges 6:34

³⁴ ***But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon...***

Judges 11:29

²⁹ ***Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah...***

Judges 13:25

²⁵ ***And the Spirit of the Lord began to move upon him ...***

Judges 14:6

⁶ ***And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him...***

Judges 14:19

¹⁹ ***Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon him mightily...***

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Judges 15:14

¹⁴ ***When he came to Lehi, the Philistines cam shouting against him. Then the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him...***

Do you know why these people prevailed? It was not because of the nail, not because of the ox goad, it was not because of the sling, these were only the tools which God used. They all prevailed because the Spirit of the Lord came upon them. Are you getting the picture? That is what God is saying; the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, is the same Spirit was sent to live in us. You know what Jesus told his disciples, "As the Father sent Me, I am sending you." Doesn't matter how small your faith is, God asks, "Will you stretch out and touch Me by faith?" That woman that day had very little faith, what did she do? She used that faith to touch the hem of Jesus' garment. You know what her testimony is? You only know one testimony of her. What is her testimony? She was healed. The twelve years of sickness. But do you know why Jesus made her come out and make her speak? So that she would have a greater testimony, as we close, I want you to turn and look at the greater testimony. *Mark 6:56*

Mark 6:56

⁵⁶ ***Wherever He entered, into villages, cities or the country, they laid the sick in the market places and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.***

He went to towns, He went to cities, what did the people say? "Can we please touch the hem of Your garment?" You know why? because one poor weak woman reached out by faith and touched, that started a storm in the minds of the people that even if you touch the hem of His robe that is enough, you will be healed. That is why each one of you have to use your gift. When Shamgar stood there with his ox goad and when God gets the victory, it will give courage and boldness for thousand other farmers to stand up with their ox goad. When fearful Gideon gets up and the Spirit of the Lord comes, and he blows the trumpet from all the holes thirty two thousand people came. Are you getting the picture? When each one of us use the little gift which God has given us, others will come and they will say, "Let me also touch the hem of His garment. If God can heal her, God can heal me too." Don't hide your testimony. Jesus is saying, "Do not hide your testimony." Our testimony is important, why? because it is not your testimony, it is the testimony of Spirit of God. It is not your testimony, it is not my testimony, it is the testimony of the Father. The woman stood up, gave her testimony, and all the towns and the cities heard. God is saying, "Don't think that your gift is not powerful," that is how Shamgar thought all those days. "What is this? Just a stick." One day the Spirit of God came, the stick became a mighty weapon. Before he knew, six hundred philistines were dead. You may think that your gift is very small, God says, "It is not small." When the Spirit of God comes, before you know, there will be a trembling in the spiritual realm. The demons will flee, powers of darkness will flee, strongholds will come down and before you know you will see people getting saved.

You know something, you may think that you are a small church, this is a simple message in English and Telugu, past few weeks the recording was not clear, you know what? I started hearing from parts of the world, saying, "Pastor, the Tuesday evening message is not clear, please make it clear," from New York, from U.S, from Europe saying that they listen to this message. We will think it is a very small thing, God says, "It is not small. Do you believe? Do you believe what I can do with it?" That is where you have to believe. *Greater is He that is in me, than that who is in the world.* Don't look at your weakness, don't look at your situation, strengthen your faith, deal with sin. *With God all things are possible.* It is also possible because He is all powerful. But more than that, it is because He is our Father.

As I close, let me tell you what I told the Church on Sunday. When Jesus died and rose again, if the Romans and the Pharisees had to prove that Jesus did not rise, they had to do only thing. What is it? Bring Jesus dead body, they couldn't do that. For the Church to prove that Jesus is risen, all they have to tell is, "Jesus, why don't You rise and stand on the top of the temple and show everybody that You're risen." He didn't do that also. They couldn't bring the dead body, the Church couldn't produce a living body, but God said, "I left one proof, you know what it is? The body of Christ; the Church." This is the proof of His resurrection. That is why the Church is called Jesus' Body. How does the world know that Jesus has risen? He says, "When they see the resurrection power in each one of you." We don't fear death, we don't fear sickness, we don't fear anything. Why? It is because inside we already know that we are risen with Him. Death has no power over us, that is why Scripture calls us more than conquerors. So whenever you look in the mirror in the morning, look at yourself and say, "I am the proof that Jesus has risen." We are the proof that Jesus has risen. Amen. Shall we pray?

Closing Prayer:

Testimony of the Holy Spirit!

Father we just thank You Lord, we just thank You for Your love, thank You for Your power, so freely available for us, Your children, help us Oh Lord to believe and to walk, so that through the testimony of Holy Spirit in our lives, the people around will have a testimony. That our God lives, He is there for the broken, He is there for the sick, He is there for the grieving, He is there for the poor, for our God lives, and our God loves, thank You Father, thank You for Your love, we know we are secure in Your love. Nothing can pluck us from the Father's hands. Thank You Father. As we go home, may Your presence go with us, may Your presence keep us close to You Lord and I pray, Lord, every child in this house will have a testimony which will give hope to others. Thank You Father, we give You glory, we give You honor, we give You power for in Jesus name we pray, Amen.