

Amazing Life

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Luke 5:17–26 (ESV)

¹⁷ On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And **the power of the Lord was with him to heal.** ¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ **And when he saw their faith,** he said, **“Man, your sins are forgiven you.”** ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? **Who can forgive sins but God alone?**” ²² When Jesus **perceived their thoughts,** he answered them, **“Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”**—he said to the man who was paralyzed—**“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.”** ²⁵ And **immediately** he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, **“We have seen extraordinary things today.”**

With awe we see what Jesus did. However as believers with God in us, Jesus in us, the Holy Spirit in us, look at this as **how we should be behaving!**

With this Amazing Life, **we have an amazing message; Jesus forgives our sins!**

Luke 5:20 (ESV)

And when **he saw their faith**, he said, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”

With this Amazing Life, **we have supernatural power to deliver the Amazing message.**

Luke 5:22 (ESV)

When Jesus **perceived*** their thoughts, he answered them, “Why do you question in your hearts?”

With this Amazing Life, **through the Holy Spirit, God will show us what needs to be done.**

Mark elaborates on what Jesus said:

Mark 2:8 (ESV)

And immediately Jesus, **perceiving in his spirit*** that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts?”

With this Amazing Life, **God reveals Himself, we**

***Perceive: (a) “to know thoroughly” (b) “to recognize a thing to be what it really is, to acknowledge.”**

With this Amazing Life, **the Holy Spirit gives us gifts to help us to confirm this amazing message.**

1 Corinthians 12:7–8 (ESV)

⁷ To each is given **the manifestation of the Spirit** for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given **through the Spirit a word of wisdom**, and to another **a word of knowledge according to the same Spirit**.

Hear what God is telling us; to each one of us God has given the manifestation of the Spirit!

As with Jesus, the Holy Spirit will give us divine perception or a Word to declare God's message.

Luke 5:23 (ESV)

Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?

In this Amazing Life, we move in the power of God.

Luke 5:24 (ESV)

But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home."

With this Amazing Life, we pray that we may operate in the Spirit in spiritual power!

Acts 4:29–30 (ESV)

²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ **while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed** through the name of your holy servant Jesus.

With this Amazing Life, **we have the capacity to daily live out an **extraordinary life** that is totally inconsistent with the world around us.**

Luke 5:26 (ESV)

We have seen extraordinary things today.

Is anything amazing or extraordinary happening in our life? Here is Kingdom reality: An intelligent, influential president of a large corporation can have zero spiritual power! An uneducated, cleaning lady of that same corporation can have supernatural spiritual power with words of knowledge and healing power. Amazing Life: **The least in the world's eyes is mighty in God's eyes!**

You may be the least in the world's eyes. However, the weakest, mildest, most unfortunate person who loves Jesus can hear through the Spirit and lay hands on someone and **see that person's life changed. You be that powerful person!**

Linda and I had Lunch with Drew and Fran. Fran shared that at the DOVE summer missions training in Reading, PA, they taught the kids to hear from the Holy Spirit and receive prophetic words to prepare for their mission experience. **She astutely said, "We should be training our people to do that here." We don't have to go to Reading, PA to experience God! We can experience the Holy Spirit in Northern Virginia!**

Amazing Life: Brothers and sisters, we do not have to go to Reading, PA or get more programs to experience the Holy Spirit! We need to be **perceiving through the Holy Spirit and moving in the power of God like the very first disciples **and give what we have.****

Acts 3:6 (ESV)

Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you!"

With this Amazing Life, **we move in the power of God to declare an Amazing Message!**

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

One place we experience the Holy Spirit through the prophetic word is with our Prophetic Team.

Through their prophetic gift you may *hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.*

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