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 Series: POWER  
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**POWER:**  
**“The Spirit’s Pouring”**

Today I am beginning a new 3 week series on the Holy Spirit called POWER.

- Today - “The Spirit’s POURING”
- Next Week (March 12) - “The Spirit’s FILLING”
- The following Week (March 19) - “The Spirit’s INTERCEDING”
- Following that, Pastor Sandy Pope (March 26) and Pastor Dave Michener (April 2) will preach right before EASTER, which is April 9th!

Can you believe EASTER is right around the corner?

One Request... Please prepare to bring your guests to Easter NOW.

Start planning, praying, and thinking about who you would like to invite.

This will be an outreach opportunity followed by a 4-week Outreach Sermon Series that Pastor Eli and I will do together.

We want to strategically use these services to reach our community for Jesus Christ.

You will hear more about Easter and beyond, but for now, prayerfully think about your FRANKS - *Friends, Relatives, Associates, Neighbors, and their Kids* to invite to Easter.

- After Easter, we have a 4-week outreach series with me and **Pastor Eli**
- Right into Mother’s Day with Minister **Lisa Bryson & Baby Dedications**

So, you really have a **6-week window of outreach** to bring new people from Easter to Mother’s Day.

## I. BIG UPDATES

**New service times!** Starting at Easter, The service times will be 9am & 11am in Columbia and 10:30am in Owings Mills Reisterstown.

**New book!** This May InterVarsity Press will be releasing *Gracism: Expanded & Revised Edition* (with David Heiliger)

- Please pre-order *Gracism* (new 8th saying - “*I Will Heal with You*”)
- Go to [IVPress.com](http://IVPress.com)
- Promo code - **OFFER23S** (30% off; free shipping)

Let's pray!

## II. THE POURING

As I think about the people who are a part of our current ministry and the season we are in as a church as we enter our 31st year of ministry, *I believe that there is a season of pouring that is occurring.*

As I reflect on the 7 DECLARATIONS that I gave on January 1, 2023 from Joshua 3 and the 3 additional DECLARATIONS that I spoke out at the State of the Church address on Sunday, January 29, 2023, the pouring is becoming clearer to me through the scriptures.

Allow me to repeat the 3 DECLARATIONS from January 29th and then I will follow it up by various scriptures.

### **DECLARATIONS from January 29, 2023:**

1. **I declare that *we will see signs and wonders* we have never seen before**
2. **I declare that *you will see dreams and visions* that will point you toward *deeper faith* in Christ and *greater love* for people.**
3. **I declare that *you will see prosperity and maturity married* in such a way that your prosperity will not be seen as *fleeting, fake, or manipulative*.**

**Question:**  
**What is this POURING that I am speaking of?**

I asked God about this very thing.

Pouring is something that is outside of you that comes into you and changes you in a way that couldn't have happened without two things:

1. Availability
2. Absorbability
  - **Availability** has to do with *proximity and positioning*.
  - **Absorbability** has to do with the *ability to receive and take in*.

Today, I want to talk about “*availability*”.

This is about the Holy Spirit being poured ON you.

- Are you in the right position to receive the Holy Spirit being poured out on you?
- And, if you are, what happens when the Holy Spirit is poured on you?

Next week I will talk about “*absorbability*”.

- This is about the Holy Spirit being poured IN you.
- AKA: The Filling of the Holy Spirit

**Transition**

**Allow me now to take you to a couple of scriptures in the Old and one New Testament to talk about the *Holy Spirit's pouring power*.**

III. SCRIPTURES

- **Isaiah 44:3 (NIV84)**

- *“For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit ON your offspring and my blessings on your descendants.”*

Notice that we have a POURING God!

He is promising to pour out on their children and their children’s children.

**Question:**

**Does anyone need God to pour out His blessing on their offspring?  
Does anyone need God to pour out His Spirit on their children’s children?**

Hallelujah!

Before I move on in the sermon, *I feel led for us to pray for our children.*

**Question:**

**Can someone come and pray now that God would pour out a blessing on our children and our children’s children?**

**Transition Statement:**

**God will not only pour out His Spirit on your OFFSPRING, but God promises to pour out His blessings on your OFFERINGS!**

- **Malachi 3:10 (NIV84)**

- *“Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”*

How many of you have seen this verse come to pass in real life?

How many of you have had God pour out blessings on you as a result of you giving of your resources and finances to the Lord?

Give God a tithe and He will prove Himself over and over again in your life. He said to *“Test me in this”*.

Here is how you test God - Give to God any amount cheerfully with a promise & prayer to him that you will give Him back 10% of any unexpected blessing that He gives to you as a result of the seed of giving that you planted cheerfully.

God cannot wait to pour out blessings over your life as you test him with your giving and obedience to him.

My mom used to say when we were growing up - *“You can’t beat God’s giving, no matter how hard you try.”*

A good buddy of mine, Kevin Turpin II, and I often add to this quote: *“But we’re going to keep trying!”*

### **Transition:**

**Let’s now go from the Old Testament to the New Testament.**

Acts chapter 2 is fascinating because this is the passage where the first century church began.

This passage is the inauguration of the Church of Jesus Christ and what theologians call the beginning of the “CHURCH AGE”.

Go with me to Acts 2:17

- **Acts 2:17 (see Joel 2:28-29)**
  - *“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit ON all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.” (NIV84)*
- **Acts 2:18**
  - *“Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.”*

This is what I need you to see before I leave!

God’s pouring is NOT just on People.

*God’s pouring is on SEASONS!*

God said, “*I will pour out my Spirit IN THOSE DAYS!*”

Just like the **Men of Issachar** in the bible who understood the times they were living in knew what to do, God allows us to be positioned and available at certain times *in specific seasons* because He knows the calendar! (**1 Chronicles 12:32**)

God knows when the Spirit’s winds will blow.

Jesus told Nicodemus regarding the Holy Spirit this:

- “*The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.*” (**John 3:8 NIV84**)

I believe we are in the season of the Spirit’s wind blowing.

In fact, we are in the *time of the Spirit*, or the dispensation, some might say.

Have you heard this before?

- The OLD TESTAMENT PERIOD - *The Time of the FATHER*
- The GOSPELS PERIOD (Matthew - Acts 1) - *The Time of the SON*
- THE NEW TESTAMENT PERIOD (Acts 2 and beyond) - *The Time of the HOLY SPIRIT*

#### IV. THE RETURN OF CHRIST

FRIENDS, There is nothing left after the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, except the end times and the return of Christ. *We are in the Last Days!* Jesus is coming back

The Spirit of God will be more active in these coming days than we have seen before! No man knows the day or the hour, but Jesus is coming soon!

God is the greatest weatherman of all.

We don’t know when the winds of God’s Spirit will blow, but God does. God said that there are *seasons* when “I will pour out my Spirit.”

- I am discerning that we are in one of those seasons right now.

- I wonder if there is *agreement with me* in your spirit.
- If you agree with me, say amen!
- I wonder if there is *confirmation* with me in your spirit.

Weathermen & women can look at patterns on the radar and see certain winds coming.

But before all that technology, grandma and grandpa could feel the weather changing because of the feeling in their knees, and joints. :-)

Some could tell a storm was coming because they could smell the difference in the air.

Some people can tell a storm is coming because of the way the trees are bending and the clouds are moving.

Some animals can tell the weather is changing because of certain instincts they feel.

Let me ask some of you who have a discerning spirit.

**Question:**

**Can you sense that God is in a pouring season? Can you confirm it in your spirit?**

Like the old man who feels it in his knees, *can you testify in your spirit that the Holy Spirit is pouring out on His people in this day and age?*

God has been doing a revival among us at Bridgeway since October 2022.

God is moving in ways that we have not seen before in our lives, spiritually and naturally in our health and wealth.

Bridgeway, we are in a season of POURING!

The Holy Spirit's POWER is moving among us!

God is doing a new thing!

What He did before, He doesn't have to do it again in the same way. He can do something different! When Acts 2 happened, that was new. It had never happened before.

We can ask God to move again like He did at Pentecost, but not do the same thing because He is a creative God who is always doing a new thing.

He makes all things new!

You can say: *“Oh Holy Spirit, fall FRESH on me!”*

Does someone need the Holy Spirit to fall FRESH on them!?

There is a Native American saying: “You never step in the same river twice.”

This quote means that the river is always flowing and when you step in it a second time, it is new water flowing that touches your feet.

God is not into recycling His spirit.

He is not a fountain at the mall that keeps recycling the same water!

God’s Spirit is always *moving, flowing, blowing with new winds and fresh waters.*

**JOEL 2:28-32 says God will pour out His Spirit on:**

- Both *men & women* (stunning!)
- Both the *old & the young* (stunning!)
- Our *sons AND our daughters!* (Wow!)
- *“EVERYONE who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (2:21)*

This is stunning! Revolutionary! NOT just Jewish men, but *Gentiles, Greeks, Romans, Women, Young people. Amazing!*

Joel said this hundreds of years beforehand and now is the time - The Holy Spirit is pouring out at Pentecost and beyond.

V. WARNING

But I have a warning! The enemy is not happy about this. This is why some of you are under attack right now. Satan knows that if the Pouring of the Lord takes effect, then you might rise up!

- **E.G.** - (Rodney Ryan @ C-Church) Someone was saying the other day at a gathering I was at that their basketball coach used to tell them in the locker room before a game, ***“Let’s go out there and take away their hope!”***

Wow! Beat them at the beginning so badly that they lose hope that they can ever come back and win! That’s dark!

THIS IS WHAT SATAN IS TRYING TO DO TO SOME OF YOU!

HE IS TRYING TO TAKE AWAY YOUR HOPE, SO YOU DON’T FIGHT ANYMORE!

Along with the “POURING” of the Holy Spirit will sometimes come the “POUNDING” of the enemy.

But the Pouring out of the Holy Spirit won’t let you quit!

- *You will not roll over and die!*
- *You will bounce back from your loss!*
- *Your strength will return unto you!*
- *You will believe again that you are the head and not the tail*
- *You will believe again that you can do all things through Christ who gives you strength*
- *You will believe the truth that you are more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus!*

## VI. CONCLUSION

So What?

- So what, that the Holy Spirit is pouring on men and women, and on our sons and daughters?
- So what that the Holy Spirit is pouring on those who are positioned and available under the covering of our ministry.

*What does all of this mean?*

**Question:**  
**Honestly? Can I be honest with you?**

I DON'T KNOW!

Let's see what God has in store.

I just don't know what it all means.

*You tell me what God is doing.*

THIS IS WHAT I DO KNOW:

- What I DO know is that we are in a season of pouring.
- What I DO know is that God delights in pouring out on you during this season.
- What I DO know is that in Acts 2 *they repented!*

If you need to repent, let the waters of God's pouring wash away your sins

Come to the altar if you need to and ask God to cleanse you.

(EVEN IN OWINGS MILLS. EVEN IN YOUR HOMES. IN YOUR CAR, PULL OVER AND MAKE IT AN ALTAR.

THAT'S WHAT I DID WHEN I GOT SAVED. THE HOLY SPIRIT FILLED MY CAR AND I HAD TO PULL OVER!)

- *Turn from your wicked ways!*
- *The pouring will cleanse you*
- *The pouring will wash away yours sinful stains*
- *The pouring will make you new all over again*
- *Say Holy Spirit Fall fresh on me!*

What I DO know is that they spoke and heard the gospel even when they didn't know and hadn't learn that language (*ie. speaking in tongues*).

What I DO know is that there was such a movement of the Holy Spirit of God on those people that they *experienced something new and something that they had never experienced before*.

God is always doing something NEW.

When God's Holy Spirit pours on you, you will:

- *Worship differently*
- *Give generously*
- *Love vigorously*
- *Forgive willingly*
- *Serve selflessly*
- *Praise freely*
- *Pray deeply*
- *Confess regularly*
- *Surrender daily*

I feel the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit now (even as I am writing this sentence).  
Hallelujah!

Can we perceive it?

What I DO know is that it was *unscripted, unexpected, unexplainable, and yet, unavoidable*.

Be AVAILABLE to God and see what this means in & for your life!

Be AWARE of the devil who will seek to discourage and destroy you!

REFUSE to be Discouraged!

REFUSE to be Destroyed!

Like Dr. Clinton and Pastor Jenkins said in our guest speaker series, you must be ready to FIGHT!

What I DO know is:

- *“If God is for us, who can stand against us?” (Romans 8:31 NIV84)*

What I DO know is that:

- *“Our fight against flesh & blood, but against principalities and powers in high places!” (Ephesians 6:12 NIV84)*

What I DO know is that:

*“The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but spiritual!” (2 Corinthians 10:4 NIV84)*

What I DO know is that:

*“No weapon formed against you shall prosper!” (Isaiah 54:17 NIV84)*

What I DO know is that IF GOD POURS OUT *ON YOU*, HE WANTS YOU TO POUR OUT *FOR HIM!*

- *If He pours **GRACE** out on you, then pour that Grace on others for Him*
- *If He pours **POWER** out on you, then pour out that Power for Him*
- *If He pours **PROSPERITY** out on you, then pour out that Prosperity for Him on others*
- *If He pours **HEALING** out on you, then pour out that Healing Strength by serving others while you have the health to do it.*

God Pours into you, so you can Pour into others.

God may not be calling you to BE POOR, but He is calling you to be a POURER!

Paul said at the end of his life and ministry:

- “For I am already being *POURED OUT* like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure.” (2 Timothy 4:6 NIV84)
- “I fought a good fight” (2 Timothy 4:7 NIV84)
- “I finished my course” (2 Timothy 4:7 NIV84)
- “I kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7 NIV84)
- “Now there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, not only for me but also for all who long for his appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:8 NIV84)

**Bottom Line:**

***God will pour out on you so you can pour out for him!***

KEEP POURING OUT, BRIDGEWAY!

AS GOD KEEPS POURING OUT ON YOU, *KEEP POURING OUT FOR HIM!*

IF YOU DO, ONE DAY *YOU WILL WEAR A CROWN IN GLORY* AND WILL BE ABLE TO PLACE IT DOWN AT HIS FEET IN WORSHIP!

AMEN AND AMEN!