

Faith and Power

Acts 19

- The last I preached I talked about how Paul may been going through something a needed a break.
 - He had shaved his head, left Aquilla and Priscilla in Ephesus and went back to Jerusalem
 - Now, this concluded his 2nd missionary journey, and he said that he would return to Ephesus if the Lord willed.
 - Well, the Lord did will, because in acts chapter 19 we see him making his return to Ephesus—thus kicking off his 3rd missionary journey.
- ***“And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to***

Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?” So they said, “Into John’s baptism.” Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about twelve in all.” -Acts 19:1-7 (ESV)

- Now, Ephesus was one of the 5 largest cities in the Roman Empire—had a population of over 250,000 people

- It was the capitol of the Province of Asia—or Asia Minor which is modern day Turkey
- It was a very famous city that attracted a lot of tourists because it hosted the Temple of the goddess Diana or Artemis (Romans called her Diana—Greeks called her Artemis)
 - But her temple was one of the 7 wonders of the world—it was 4x larger than the Parthenon in Athens
 - It had 127–60 foot pillars around this Temple, it was massive
- Ephesus also had one of the 3 largest libraries in the world—Alexandria of course, having the first
 - And Ephesus was also a very educational town like Athens and Alexandria
 - This was the intellectual center of the area that was known as Asia at the time.
- And Paul has an affinity of going to these intellectual cities to reason the Gospel with these sharps influential and intellectual minds

—so he goes back to Ephesus and finds some believers

- He strikes up a conversation with these guys, maybe sharing the Gospel with them and come to find out—they love Jesus too! Yes, they also believe that Jesus was the Jewish Messiah and that the scriptures are all about him
 - So Paul says, “Great, you believe...but do you have the Holy Spirit?”
 - “Uhhh....what Holy Spirit?”
 - “Wait you haven’t even heard of the Holy Spirit?? How were you baptized, or how did you come to faith?”
 - “Through John the Baptist”
- Ahhhh, so just like Apollos...they knew only the baptism of John
 - They knew the baptism of repentance—of preparing for the Messiah

- They believed about Jesus—but they didn’t know Jesus
- Without the Holy Spirit you can’t know Him
 - Jesus said that once He left the earth He would send the Comforter, the Holy Spirit to us—to lead us into all truth, to remind us of all that He said, to convict us, to guide us, to be the Spiritual Connector of us to Him.
 - Paul would even say that without the help and leading of the Holy Spirit you can’t even truly confess Jesus as Lord.
- So the question is, how did these guys believe in Jesus but not have the Holy Spirit?
 - We have to understand that there is a big difference between an acknowledging belief, and a surrendering and saving belief
 - Even the demons have an acknowledging belief, James tells us
 - And what we are called to is a faith that surrenders our lives to the Lordship of our Risen Savior

- And these guys were close—but they didn’t have that yet....they had what a lot of people around today have and that is:

- **“FAITH” WITHOUT POWER**

- You see these guys had believed about Jesus, were fans of Jesus, knew scriptures about Jesus—but they had not put their faith and trust in Him as their Lord and Savior yet
- They knew Him as the Jewish Messiah—but they did not yet know of Him as their Risen Savior
- Remember— Paul would go on to say that if we confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in our hearts that God raised Him from the dead then we will have saving faith
 - But they didn’t know about the resurrection yet—so Paul had to explain it to them and remind them of what John the Baptist had said— ***“I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after***

me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

-Matthew 3:11 (ESV)

- There is a difference between John's baptism and Jesus' baptism that John wasn't fully aware of
 - The best way I heard this described—was from a greek poet who gave the illustration of making a pickle
 - He said, when you're making a pickle you first dip, baptize, or fully immerse the pickle into boiling water—this is a preparatory baptism, to get ready for the next step, but you have not really changed anything about the vegetable as of yet
 - But then you baptize the vegetable into the vinegar solution
 - It's the same action—but the first is temporary and the 2nd produces a permanent change

- Paul explains to these guys that John's baptism was just the preparatory baptism, but Jesus died and rose again to provide for them a baptism that would produce a permanent change eternally in their lives.
- Then it all clicks for them, they are baptized in the Name of Jesus—in an act of faith and acknowledgement of His death, burial and resurrection and then the Holy Spirit shows up in their lives
- Now, real quick before we go any further let me explain something—there are many that take these passages to mean that coming to faith in Jesus and receiving the Holy Spirit are separate events.
 - And you may have even been asked before — if you have been “baptized in the Spirit”
- And I get where that comes from—I can see how this passage without it's proper context could lead people to think that, also we see the day of Pentecost being it's own event

- However, Paul makes it very clear in Ephesians chapter 1, when and how we receive the Holy Spirit
 - ***“In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.” -Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)***
- It’s interesting that Paul states this so bluntly to the church that’s in the city that this event in Acts 19 took place
 - Because those guys, were referred to as disciples, they were believers in Jesus, but they had not yet fully heard the gospel of their salvation
- And when they heard it, they believed it, and that’s when the Holy Spirit came upon them and brought Power to their faith
- That term- “came on them” (erchomai)— can be translated “To make one’s appearance”
 - There is evidence of the Holy Spirit in their lives
- We discussed it at the beginning of this series that there is a difference between having the Spirit and being filled with the Spirit
 - And I had the illustration that I’ve don’t a few times so I’m not going to do it again—but if you weren’t here, we illustrated the Holy Spirit in our lives like making a cup of chocolate milk
- When making a cup of chocolate milk—and you first pour the chocolate in—if you stop right there, you do have, by definition, a cup of chocolate milk
- However, all of the chocolate is just settled at the bottom and it won’t look or taste like chocolate milk—that is until you stir it up and really fill the milk with the chocolate

- You see, every single believer in Jesus, that has come to saving faith has the same measure of the Holy Spirit within them
 - No pastor or evangelist, or anyone had any greater measure of the spirit than you do—that's old convenient theology, and we are living in the new covenant where the Spirit has been poured out on all flesh
- And we are sealed with that Spirit for as long as we live—no matter what we do, we can't lose Him.
- But Paul does tell the Ephesians, – "***And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.***" -***Ephesians 4:30 (ESV)***
 - And you know what one the worst ways that you can grieve the Holy Spirit is—by just letting lay dormant at the bottom of your heart and not letting Him make His appearance known in your life
- By not letting Him fill your life...by not living and walking in His Power!
- Paul, right away, lets them experience what it's like to be Spirit filled, and I believe that this is one of the reasons why the laying on of hands and praying for people is so valuable and powerful and under utilized in a lot of churches today
 - Even Paul told Timothy— "***Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands***" - ***2 Timothy 1:6 (ESV)***
 - That phrase "**Stir up**" (anazōpyreō): "**fan into flame,**" "**rekindle**"
- Sometimes we forget to stir up the gifting of God in our lives and we need to allow the Spirit of God to rekindle the gift of God in us—which primarily is the Spirit Himself! (*He's the greatest Spiritual gift we have*)

- And believers intentionally laying hands on each other and praying for each other is a great way to fan that flame
 - There is a reason why this is so emphasized and practiced in the New Testament—because it's valuable
 - Yes, we need to be intentional and consistent with praying and reading our bibles and spending personal time in the Lord
 - But we also need to be intentional and consistent with praying for, with, and over each other
 - And for some of us in this room, the missing power of your faith is this piece
 - Seeing how the Power of the Holy Spirit will show up through the praying and laying on of hands of believers who want to help each other fan the flame and rekindle the faith within each other
 - And it doesn't have to be weird—ok...because people can get weird about it
- And at first glance in this passage, coming from our culture and our day and age, the way the Holy Spirit makes His appearance here seems weird to us
 - Luke tells us that Paul laid his hand on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and then they began to speak in tongues and prophecy.
 - Now, the word prophecy here isn't something that we should be afraid of...and I know that some of you have experienced some strange and sometimes detrimental things “prophesied” over you life.
 - I know I have had people “prophecy” who my wife was going to be and where I was going to preach and this and that—and I'm glad that they had been rebuked in the Name of Jesus and that I am where I am and married to who I'm married to
 - But prophesying isn't about turning into Shawn Spencer from Psych—hand to temple, saying —“I'm getting something here, uh, I see you as Mario and you're grabbing the mushrooms,

and the mushrooms are the Spirit leveling you up and taking you to new heights, giving you new power”

- Like I said, it doesn’t need to be weird
- Literally in the context of this passage the word **Prophecy (prophēteuō) means: “To break forth in sudden praise of the divine counsels”**
- But the bible itself gives us the proper definition of the word in **Revelation 19:10—“For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”**
- So when it says that the Holy Spirit came upon them and they began to prophecy it means that they began to testify about Jesus—testify of His goodness—testify about His resurrection—and praise His Name!
- Now, when it comes to tongues—after all of my study and research and experience in ministry over the years, I have come to this conclusion: I don’t know

- We first see it at the day of pentecost when you have local uneducated Galileans all of the sudden being filled with the Holy Spirit and testifying the mighty works of God in different languages that they didn’t naturally know
- But these were known earthly languages that people from all over the world heard them speaking in their native tongues and they heard the Gospel
 - I’ve had friends go on mission trips who would be sharing the Gospel with people through a translator and then all of the sudden they realize that they aren’t even using the translator anymore...that, I believe is the most biblically accurate appearance of the gift of tongues
- Almost every time this word tongues is used in the scripture, it is referring to a known human language
- However, Paul does say, in 1 Corinthians “If I speak in the tongues of men, or of angels”—

alluding that there could be some angelic language that we could operate in

- And in 1 Corinthians 14 when he is giving instruction on how to operate in this gift he seems to be referring to a heavenly or angelic language
- So I don't know—I have seen the gift manifested in ways that I can't explain but doesn't contradict scripture, and I have seen some very unbiblical expressions of it as well
- But the biggest thing that I have come to conclude about this topic is this:
 - One of two things is going to happen to the believe that operates in the gift of tongues
 - 1. They'll get to Heaven and God will say, "Yep that was Me moving through you, Welcome Home!"
 - 2. They'll get to Heaven and God will say, "Nope, that was complete gibberish—but I love you! Welcome Home!"

- So it's not something to be divided over—but the topic should be handled scripturally, and if we ever get to study 1 Corinthians 14 together we will break this all down in great detail

- But the Holy Spirit came upon these guys—they spoke in tongues (which I'm not exactly sure what that looked like) and they broke out in Praise of Jesus—Testifying of Jesus
 - But the main point was that there was now Power in their faith—because their faith was now in the complete truth about Jesus
 - And yes, it can get confusing when we read words like tongues and prophecy and all of that—but just put that to the side for a second, and simply focus on the fact there was an evident power in the faith of these men now— after coming to complete faith in Jesus
- And we should ask ourselves, is there an evident power in our faith?

- What in our lives, in our conversations, the way we handle ourselves, carry ourselves in our public and private lives—what powerfully testifies of Jesus
 - Does the way we speak— testify of Jesus?
 - Does the way we handle adversity—testify of Jesus?
 - Does the way we react to opposition—testify of Jesus?
 - Does the way we love of families—testify of Jesus?
 - Does the way we die to ourselves—testify of Jesus?
- You see there are so many people today who claim “faith” but have no power in their faith—why? Because they have not put their faith in the complete truth of Jesus
 - They stop short—there are so many people that have “faith” in a Jesus that loves all, accepts all, approves all—but they have no

faith in the Jesus that demands repentance. That says “Go and sin no more”

- Today we are actually on the opposite side of the spectrum as these disciples of John were—because they had the repentance part down, but they didn’t have the grace and forgiveness part
- We have the grace and forgiveness part down—but we very seldom have the repentance part down
- *This past Tuesday, Rachel and I were in Boston. We walked over 10 miles around the whole city. It’s a very clean city, very beautiful.*
 - *But what wrenched my heart was seeing all of these old, historic, beautiful, still active churches all round the city...and there was not a single one of these churches that were not adorned in rainbow flags*
 - *One church had a huge sign in rainbow letters that says, “God Loves All”*

- Now, does God love all? Yes! “For God so loved the world....”
- But they are leading people to acknowledge that God loves them...but they are not leading them to love God
 - Jesus said, “If you love Me, you will keep my commandments”
 - But you have these churches that are leading people to believe in a God that affirms them...which is anti-gospel
- The Gospel doesn’t affirm us, it changes us
 - We are to die to ourselves
 - We are to come to an acknowledgement of our sin, and how we fall short of God’s standards...and then we accept the love and forgiveness that He offers
- But we’ll never understand the love and forgiveness that we need and are so undeserving of...if there is not an acknowledgement of sin and our need for a Savior
- And if we leave out the Holiness of God and our need for repentance— we are only leading people to half of the Gospel and it will be a fraudulent faith.
- My Uncle John told me a story he heard the other day...about a guy who dies and went to hell and when he got there the first thing he saw was another guy and he kept opening these canisters that were people souls or something
- And he kept picking one up, and putting it down, one after another
- And finally the man spoke up and asked, “What are you doing?”
- The man said, “I’m looking for the preacher that told me I was ok.”
- What is needed today among the churches more than anything else— is a complete surrender to the full complete truth of the Gospel so we can have real power in our faith.

- These 12 guys finally have the complete Gospel, they accept it and a mini-Pentecost breaks among them.... and then verse 8 says: ***“And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God. But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.”***
-Acts 19:8-10 (ESV)
- Now, we officially see Paul break his record for longest stay in one place
- Things went well in the synagogue for 3 months, but then as he's used to, the religious started to hate him and speak evil of him and The Way in general, so before things get out of control, he removes himself

- And he goes to the School of Tyrannus—or The Hall of the Tyrant
 - Now, we don't know if Tyrannus was alive owned and rented this site out to Paul, or if it was a place just named after him
 - But we do know that this was a secular educational venue
 - This was a lecture hall where students would be taught, much like a college campus
 - It's as if Paul rented out one of the largest classrooms at the local university
- It's interesting, because some of your footnotes or translations will point out that Paul reasoned daily in the School of Tyrannus from 11am-4pm
 - You see, the work day in this region would normally start very early in the morning. Like 4-5am...and then they would work until 11am and rest until 4pm as to not work during the hottest part of the day during the middle east heat

- And then from 4-late evening they would finish their work day
- So Paul, takes advantage of this cultural routine, and asks to use the space in the Hall of Tryannus during the time that no one would be using it and starts his class (so to speak) when everyone would be available
- He does this for 2 years—and because of this, Luke says that all who dwelt in Asia Minor heard the Word of the Lord
- It's amazing how many churches and ministries were started out of this time Paul had in Ephesus
- For example—if you're familiar with Revelation chapter 2 and 3, there are letters written to 7 different churches all in Asia Minor starting with Ephesus
- We have a **MAP** here—and of all of these church here on this map—Ephesus was the only one that the Apostle Paul personally started
- Even Collosae—even when writing a letter to this church, Paul says “For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me face to face...”
- So churches are starting to pop up—that the Apostle Paul isn't starting himself
- But his influence starts in Ephesus—and there are believers going out and spreading the Word from Ephesus and starting some very influential churches all over the region
- You know, you can never underestimate the ripple effect of the Gospel
- And it doesn't take being the apostle Paul to have an impact like this
- For example: In 1856, a man named Edward Kimball, felt impressed by the Holy Spirit to walk into a shoe store in Chicago and tell a young man working in the store about Jesus

- The young shoe salesman was a man named Dwight L Moody who received Christ and began to attend church with Edward
- Dwight L Moody would go on to be one of the most influential Pastors in the world, and one who was impacted by his ministry was J. Wilbur Chapman, who went on to work with the YMCA, and his ministry impacted a former professional baseball player named Billy Sunday
- Billy Sunday went on to preach and speak at army camps and city wide meetings all over the country during World War I
- In 1924 he preached in Charlotte which led to a group of local businessmen starting their own prayer group that called themselves the Billy Sunday Layman's Evangelistic Club
- Their enthusiasm led them to plan an evangelistic crusade in Charlotte with evangelist Mordecai Ham as the keynote preacher in 1934

- And on the last night of that crusade a lanky young man named Billy Graham came forward to accept Christ...who would go on to be probably the most influential evangelist the world has ever seen since the Apostle Paul
- And all of that started with one man, none of us had ever heard of, having a simple gospel conversation with a shoe salesman
- Never underestimate the ripple effect that the Gospel can have in and through your life
- Here in Acts 19 we see the Gospel beginning to ripple through the entire region of Asia Minor but here in Ephesus—if you thought the Tongues and Prophecy thing was weird, well it gets weirder
- **“Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon**

themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.” -Acts 19:11-16 (ESV)

- So earlier in the chapter we saw a group of guys who had a “faith” with no power and here we see an attempt at:

- “POWER” WITHOUT FAITH

- Now, before we get to these Sons of Sceva—let’s not just brush past the “unusual” miracles in the first few verses
- Because this is strange power

- The word handkerchief here is literally a sweat band
- So the sweatbands and aprons that he would wear—most likely while he was tent making during the work hours would be taken to people with sicknesses and demons and they would be healed and delivered
- It’s kind of gross—this is Jesus spitting on the dirt and rubbing the mud on the guys eyes gross
 - Imagine how sweaty and dirty those aprons and sweatbands would be
 - Imagine taking the headband and jersey off of an NBA big man—you’ve seen how sweaty those guys get
 - Imagine running that headband, soaked and dripping with sweat to your sick cousin and saying—here put this on, you’ll feel better
- It’s weird and its gross!!

- But the question is, why was God working in such a supernatural way that we don't see much of today
- Well that's because we are not a very spiritual or supernatural culture...not like Ephesus was
- Ephesus was a town that was obsessed with magic
- The Ephesians were known for the Ephesia Grammata—or “Ephesian Writings”
 - These were spell books that were full of instructions of how to perform cultic rituals, invoke spirits, cast off spirits, perform curses, influence lovers, or heal sicknesses
 - These writings were full of magical words and formulas that would mostly sound like nonsensical babbling
 - But if you said them just right, the thought was you could perform magic or have “spiritual power”
- And when you dabble in these types of activities you invite demonic influences and give them a platform
- So to see demonic activity or possession was not at all a strange thing for people to see in this area—they were used to it and often invited it
- However, through Paul, people are seeing just how much power Jesus has over the darkness in the world
- Now, Jews had always had the reputation to the outside world of having power over unclean spirits
 - That's why there were these groups of Jewish exorcists that existed
 - The ancient world recognized the spiritual power of the Jewish people
 - No one had more ancient scripture than they did
 - The name of Yahweh that they invoked seemed to have power unlike others

- And Solomon—who was one of the most famous men in all of history was thought by most of the world to have power over demons
- So because of all of this—some itinerant, or vagabond, jewish groups would travel in caravans from town to town claiming to be exorcists and charge people for their services and take advantage of the superstitions of the people
- How successful were they? I don't know but there was a reason why they were in business
- And normally their exorcisms would be these long drawn out dramatic displays—but you don't see that with Paul. We didn't see that with Jesus either
 - In Luke 4 we see that Jesus astonished people with the authority and power with which he casted out the unclean spirits
- They were used to seeing the drama and show—but Jesus just had power they had never seen before
- And the Sons of Sceva—who was a false high priest, self proclaimed high priest—there are no historical or biblical records of there ever being a real high priest named Sceva—they see this power in Paul so they try to use the formula that he uses in order have power over these spirits—but because they had no real faith, they had no real power
- And it's so wild to me that the demon answers them “Jesus, I know, Paul I know, but who are you??”
- It's so convicting, man—because we hear all the time about how the devil tries to bring us down and get after us—but he will only do that if we are actually a threat to him
- So if we were to be confronted by the enemy—would they actually even know who we are?

- It might be weird to think about, but we should be living out our faith in such a way where the enemy knows our name.
 - The enemy isn't bothered by how much you go to church, read your bible, and pray—as long as you keep it all to yourself
 - We say it all the time, your relationship with God, the Gospel of your salvation is personal—but it can never be private
 - We are called to testify of Jesus to those around us—and the most dangerous thing to the enemies agenda is a Christian who is confident in the complete Gospel
 - I always loved that famous quote that went viral years ago—no one really knows where it originated from but the quote was “I want to be the type of woman, that when my feet hit the floor in the morning, the devil says ‘Oh crap, she’s up’”
- I would love to see that type of competitive nature in the spiritual lives of all of us believers
 - Where we would be so bent on testifying of Jesus, not being ashamed of the Gospel—that is the Power of God unto salvation in the hopes that more would believe
- And you know, this is exactly why church is so important in the life of the believer
 - Because this is the training ground in which we prepare to go into the world and share our faith, speak the truth, and stand our ground
- That's why Paul says to the Romans, ***“For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.”***
-Romans 1:11-12 (ESV)
 - This is what our gathering is about—this is why we are not to neglect the gathering together as Hebrews tells us
 - We gather together and worship the Lord, Praise His Name—study His Word, Testify of

Jesus and encourage each other with each other's faith

- This is why our first two core values are Give Hope, and Create Community
 - We focus first and foremost on the Hope that we have in Jesus—and then we create a community based on that common hope that we have
 - And if we are not intentional with creating community amongst each other and sharing the hope that we have together—how would we ever expect to share it with those who don't have that hope in common with us??
 - If we can't create community and testify of the hope that we have to each other....we can never effectively go and be the church
 - We need to be more intentional with our Christian community so that we can be more intentional about publicly testifying of Jesus —so that we can truly be dangerous to the enemy and make eternal impacts

- And again, you can never underestimate the power of the ripple effect that your testimony can make
- The people of Ephesus saw the true power of Paul's faith—in a situation that he wasn't even personally involved in!
 - We don't see Paul being present, and rebuking these false exorcists—and then showing his power over the demon
 - No, Paul's influence had spread so much that those without his faith tried to mimic it, and demons couldn't help but acknowledge him
- and it caused an incredible revival among the Ephesians
- ***“This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books***

together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.” -Acts 19:17-20 (ESV)

- We cannot underestimate how radical of a situation that this was—
- And I am going to have to apologize to Josh and all of our community group leaders because we’re going to have to finish the rest of this chapter next week:
- But before we close, I need to clarify something. The point of a message like this is not that we need to try harder and do better
 - Because yes we do need to do those things —but the real encouragement that I want to leave you with is this:
- Fall More in Love with Jesus
 - Falling in love with Jesus is the only thing that will grow our faith and bring power to our faith

- The more we love Jesus the more that we will love each other
- The more we love Jesus the more we’ll passionately testify of Jesus
- The more we love Jesus the dangerous we will be to the enemy
 - And we don’t give the enemy our focus and our attention—we give all of that to Jesus and everything gets put in its proper perspective
 - And the more we fall in love with Jesus the more we will just naturally and authentically live our lives for Him and we’ll have a powerful faith that the world and the enemy cannot deny
- The more we love Jesus the more our lives get put together exactly the way that we need to be
- And the way that we fall more in love with Jesus, is through complete surrender...and

that's exactly what we are going to talk
about next week.

- Prayer Team