

Gifted: In Dependence

Connect:

- * How was this week's message about Moses being *Gifted* through dependence helpful, encouraging or challenging?
- * How have you seen God answering your prayers to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to be gifted to make Jesus known?

Study:

- * Read **2 Chron. 20:2-6**. How did Jehoshaphat and all of Judah respond to this massive crisis?
- * What had Jehoshaphat done to make sure they were ready for battle? **2 Chron. 17:1-2, 10-13**
- * But how much did they rely on their own preparation and abilities? **2 Chron. 20:12-13**
- * How did God respond to their complete trust? **vss. 14-17**
What battle plan did this lead Jehoshaphat to? **vss. 20-21**
- * What initiated God's action in the battle? **vs. 22**
- * Read **Zec. 4:6**. Where does God want us to place our entire dependence? How do we do this based 2 Chronicles 20?

Apply:

- * What things do you tend to depend on instead of depending on the Holy Spirit to gift you for ministry?
 - * What practical steps, based on this story, might you begin taking to change this?
 - * How will you daily implement these things into your life?
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Pray Together: *Take significant time to pray together now about the things you have learned and the commitments you are making for this week*

Further Inspiration

“The Holy Spirit will supply with grace those who feel their inefficiency...

Of ourselves we can do nothing. Without the Spirit of God we are utterly helpless. Our strength lies in hiding in Jesus. God can do more in one moment to convict people than we can do in a lifetime. Therefore let us hold fast to the arm of Omnipotence. Let us lean upon Jesus. Thus we shall grow strong to do His will. The Lord is our helper. He will not leave or forsake us.”

– *Signs of the Times*, November 7, 1900

“When we have a realization of our weakness, we learn to depend upon a power not inherent. Nothing can take so strong a hold on the heart as the abiding sense of our responsibility to God. Nothing reaches so fully down to the deepest motives of conduct as a sense of the pardoning love of Christ. We are to come in touch with God, then we shall be imbued with His Holy Spirit, that enables us to come in touch with our fellow men. Then rejoice that through Christ you have become connected with God, members of the heavenly family. While you look higher than yourself, you will have a continual sense of the weakness of humanity. The less you cherish self, the more distinct and full will be your comprehension of the excellence of your Saviour. The more closely you connect yourself with the source of light and power, the greater light will be shed upon you, and the greater power will be yours to work for God. Rejoice that you are one with God, one with Christ, and with the whole family of heaven.”

– *Desire of Ages*, p. 493

Further Reading:

- 2 Chronicles 17-19
- *Prophets & Kings*, Chapter 15, “Jehoshaphat”
- *Patriarchs & Prophets*, Chapter 22, “Moses”