
EXPERIENCE OF
Spiritual
RENEWAL
Acts 1:4-9
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Introduction

- We ask for spiritual renewal not because we are dying spiritually, but because we should constantly yearn for spiritual renewal in our lives and in the church.

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NKJV)

Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Introduction

- First, we need to know our history.
- Secondly, we recount stories because we need to understand the calling of the church, and hence the reason that God brought us through a spiritual renewal first.

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- **Thirdly, we recount stories so that we can position our hearts to encounter God.**

Acts 1:4-9 (NIV)

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

6 Then they gathered around him and asked
him, “Lord, are you at this time going to
restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to
them: “It is not for you to know the times or
dates the Father has set by his own authority.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy
Spirit comes on you; and you will be my
witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9 After
he said this, he was taken up before their very
eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1:4-9 (NIV)

Road Map

1) Personal Account of Spiritual Renewal
2) Promise and Prerogative of the Father
3) Purpose that Comes with the Gift
4) Patient for His Move

1) Personal Account of Spiritual Renewal

a) The Setting

- The anointing of God is always for His divine purposes.

2) Promise and Prerogative of the Father

- We need to understand is that the baptism of the Holy Spirit in our lives is a promise, but at the same time, the prerogative of the Father.

2) Promise and Prerogative of the Father

a) Promise of the Gift by the Father

Acts 1:4b-5 (NIV)

“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for **the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit**.”

2) Promise and Prerogative of the Father

a) Promise of the Gift by the Father

- What was this gift?
- It was to be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:17-19 (NIV)

‘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**.
18 Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and
they will prophesy.

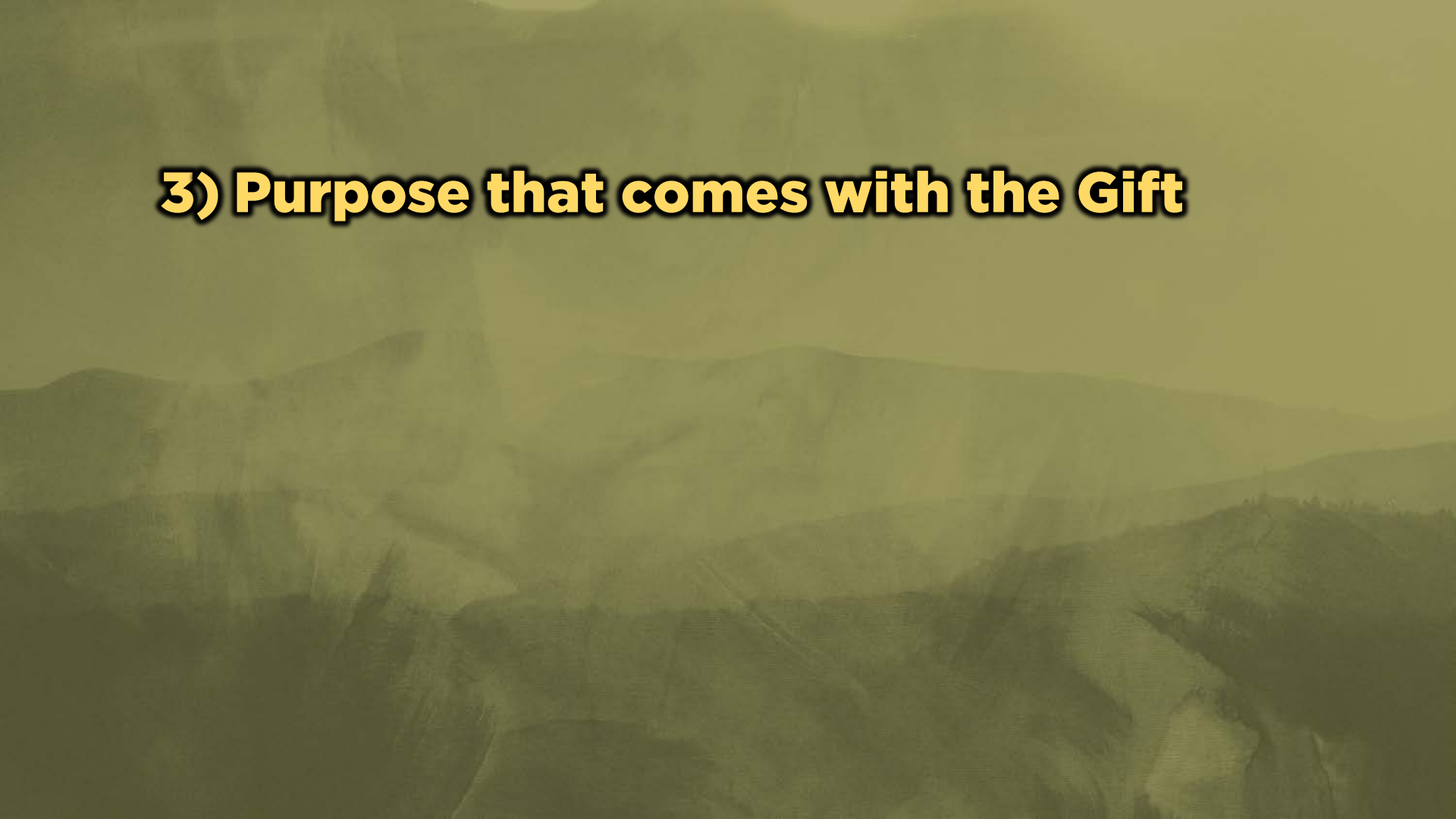
19 I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below, blood and fire
and billows of smoke.’

Acts 2:17-19 (NIV)

2) Promise and Prerogative of the Father

b) Prerogative of the Father

- Hence, a gift is something that is **not necessarily deserved, should not be demanded**, but **can be desired**.


3) Purpose that comes with the Gift

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

3) Purpose that comes with the Gift

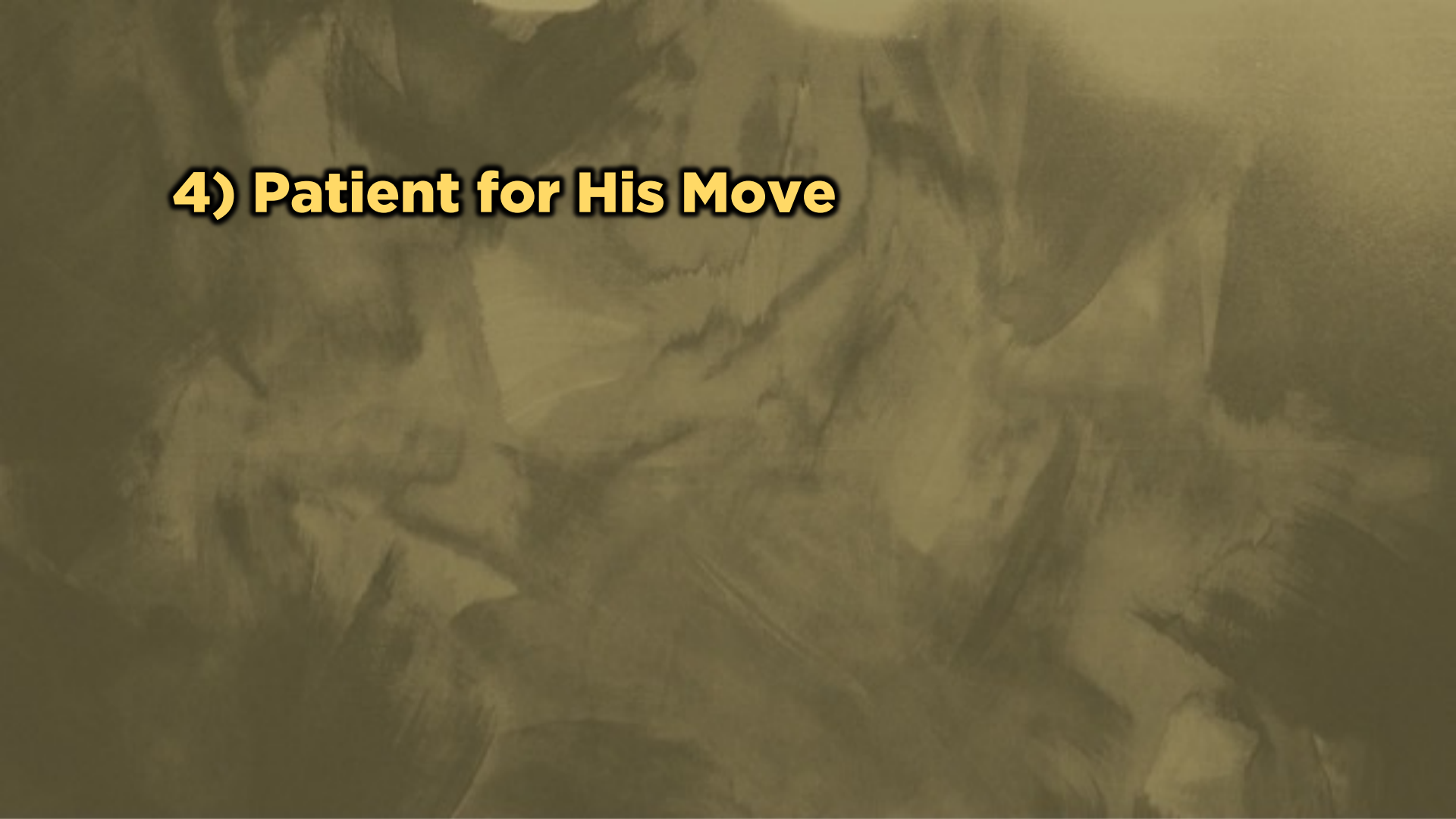
- When we operate in the power of the Holy Spirit, there is a tendency of being drawn to the power of the Holy Spirit instead of the purpose of the gift.

3) Purpose that comes with the Gift

- If we want to experience another spiritual renewal in the church, remember and recommit to our calling to reach the lost.

3) Purpose that comes with the Gift

- I have these questions for you:
  - Do you want another spiritual renewal?
  - Why do you want this spiritual renewal?


4) Patient for His Move

Acts 1:4 (NIV)

“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised…

4) Patient for His Move

- Firstly, we learn to desire.
- Secondly, when we wait, we learn to trust God in His perfect time to release the spiritual renewal.

4) Patient for His Move

- When we ask God for spiritual renewal, personally and for the church, we must understand that while we can try to facilitate and position ourselves, it is God's prerogative and timing to release His anointing.

Conclusion

Challenge

1. Demonstrate desire for Personal Spiritual Renewal
2. Demonstrate desire for Spiritual Renewal in the church, and renew our commitment to the purpose and timing of God