

“ENCOURAGED, EMPOWERED & ENRICHED” Series

Message #3 of 4

“EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT”

John 15:26-27; Galatians 5:22-23; Acts 1:1-8; John 16:1-4

October 18, 2015

Overall Theme:

You can stand strong in evil times when you are Encouraged by the Word, Empowered by the Spirit, and Enriched by Prayer.

Encouraged by the Word:

Despite trouble in the world, Christians can receive great encouragement when they welcome the Word of God into their lives.

Empowered by the Spirit:

No matter what happens, the Christian is never left alone, and always has the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives to live confidently for God.

1. WHY POWER IS NEEDED – (John 16:1-4)

Power is needed to live the Christian life because it goes against the grain of our sin and the world.

- *“There is a rough road ahead.”*
- *“You will be mistreated.”*
- *“I’ve told you this so you will not go astray.”*
- *“I’ve told you this so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you.”*

2. WHERE POWER COMES FROM – (Acts 1:8)

Power to live the Christian life comes from the Holy Spirit, not from our own ability.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.”

- *“Wait for the gift my Father promised”*
- *“Don’t worry about the timing.”*
- *“Receive my Holy Spirit power.”*
- *“Be my witnesses ... everywhere.”*

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the LORD Almighty.” – Zechariah 4:6

“(The Lord’s) pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of a man; the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.” - Psalm 147:10-11

3. WHAT THE SPIRIT’S POWER LOOKS LIKE – (Galatians 5:22-23)

The power of the Spirit changes us in the core of our being to face anything with supernatural attitude and ability.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”

4. HOW THE SPIRIT USES YOU – (John 15:26-27)

The power of the Holy Spirit in the Christian life enables us to testify about Jesus.

- *“The Counselor is coming”*
- *“Jesus is sending the Counselor to you from the Father.”*
- *“The Spirit of Truth will testify about me.”*
- *“You must testify, for you have been with me.”*

EXTRAS

BIRTHDAY: Teagan Peterson 10/20 and Nicole Heller 10/24.

“Encouraged, Empowered & Enriched”

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*And pray in **the Spirit** on all occasions
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1 Ephesians 6:17-18

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*“Take **the sword** of the Spirit, which is **the word of God.**”*

2. **Empowered By The Spirit** – (Ephesians 6:17-18)

*“Take the sword of **the Spirit** . . . and pray in **the Spirit.**”*

3. **Enriched By Prayer** – (Ephesians 6:18)

*“And pray . . . **with all kinds of prayers and requests.**”*

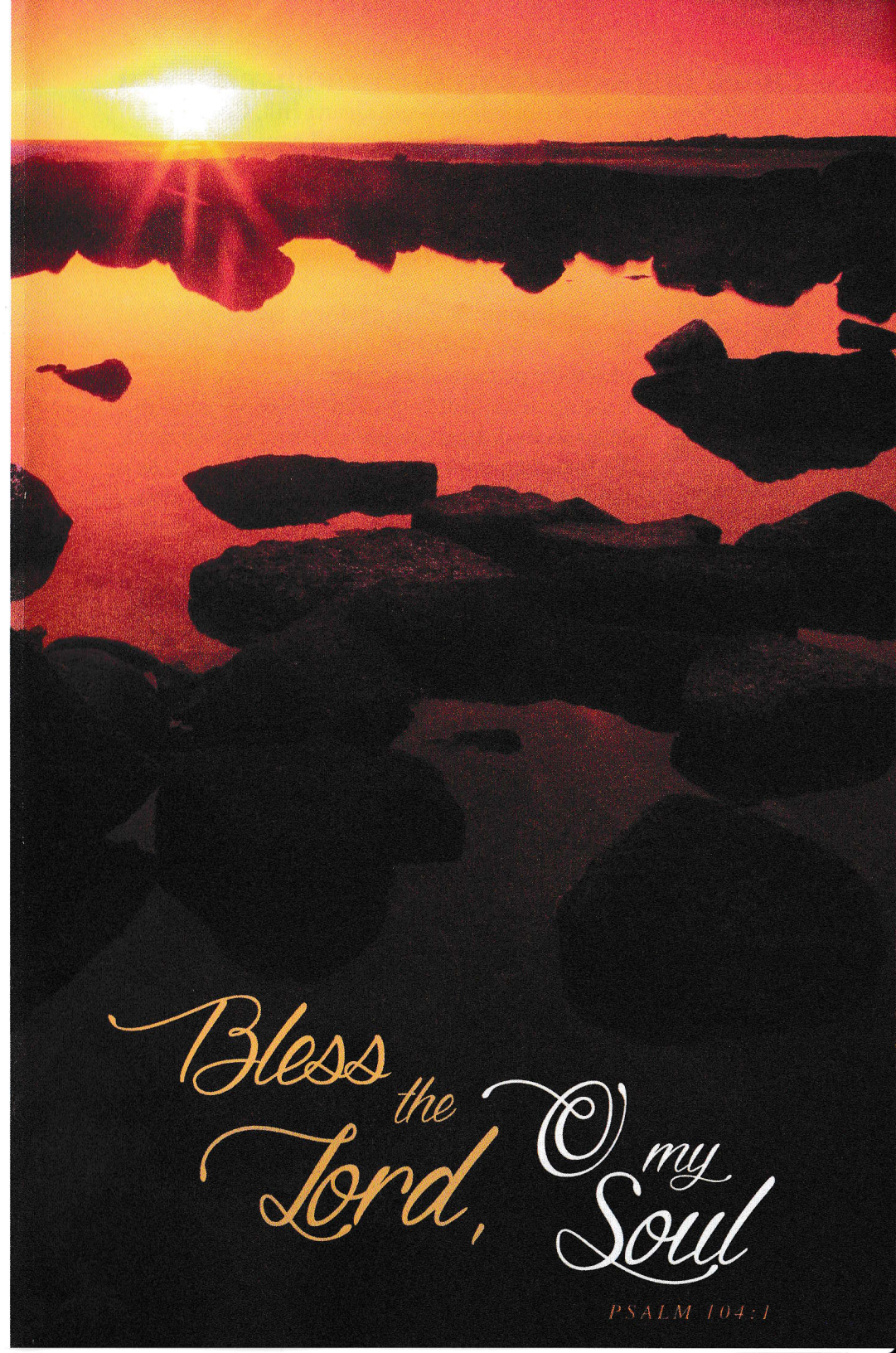
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*Bless the
Lord, O my
Soul*

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Our Worship on October 18, 2015

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today. In this turbulent time, it is so good to know the peace and fortitude that come from trusting in the Lord. As Christians, we look to Jesus to find the guidance and courage we need. To make a prayer request, use one of the cards in the seat pockets. We invite you to remain after Worship and enjoy some refreshments and friendly conversation.

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER

Announcements – *Please sign and pass the red friendship books.*

Opening Devotion and Prayer

Singing Praises to Jesus

Greeting Each Other and Welcoming Our Guests

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 15:26 – 16:4

Bible: 750

Message by Pastor Ken Gardner: "Empowered by the Spirit."

POWER FOR MINISTRY

Offering Our Gifts to God

Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Closing Song: "Spirit of the Living God."

Prayer of Blessing on Everyone

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Samaritan's Purse Christmas Operation Shoebox ministry begins. Share the good news of Jesus Christ. As shoebox gifts are distributed, local pastors or church leaders present the Gospel in a fun way designed for kids while family and friends listen in. Along with their shoebox gift, children also receive The Greatest Gift, a colorful presentation of the Gospel in their own language. Pick up your shoebox in the lobby today.

MONDAY: Noon - 6:15 PM - American Red Cross Blood Drive

TUESDAY:

6:30 PM – Women's Bible Study

7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY:

9:30 AM – *Discipleship for Busy People*, Session 3 – Covenant

7:00 PM – Prayer Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 25th - COS children and families to join PUMC at their Family Fall Festival on Sunday

Nov. 1st – Daylight Saving Time ends; set your clock 1 hour back.

Nov. 6-8th – PUMC Men's Retreat @ Camp Kare

Nov. 8 – Church Charge Conference – Sunday after Worship

Nov. 10th – 7:00 PM - Annual Charge Conference @ PUMC

Nov. 11th – Veteran's Day

Nov. 13th -14th – S.W.I.M. (Supporting Women In Ministry)

Friday: *An Evening with Deborah* presented by Rev. Gwen Ehrenborg; the church is invited (no registration fee for Friday).

Saturday: *A Day of Kingdom Knowledge*. For registration information - go to www.SWIMinternational.org/events.

Nov. 25th - PUMC Thanksgiving Eve Dinner and Worship Service

Nov. 26th – Thanksgiving

Nov. 28th – Decorate the Church for Christmas

Nov. 29th – 1st Sunday in Advent

Dec. 7th – 10-4 PM - Samaritan's Purse Shoebox processing center

Dec. 20th – Sunday morning - Christmas Praise Concert

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service