

## “I Love My City”

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*“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.” Acts 1:8*

The focus is on YOU!

1. **YOU** will receive power...

*“I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give **YOU** the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; whatever **YOU** bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever **YOU** loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*  
Matthew 16:18-19

Receive: to come into possession of something

Power: controlling influence in a supernatural way

Key: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Bind: tie; compel; imprison

Loose: untie; release; permit

2. When the Holy Spirit comes on **YOU**...

*“I will send **YOU** another Counselor to be with **You** forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in **YOU**.”* John 14:16-17

Paraclete: Comforter; Counselor; One called alongside to help

Alteration: limited change that flows out of the past; altering a garment

Transformation: radical change without rejecting the past; paradigm shift

Conversion: A pendulum swing from one thing to another; rejection of the past, adopting something completely new.

3. And **YOU** will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

*“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded **YOU**. And surely, I am with **YOU** always, to the very end of the age.”* Matthew 28:18-20

Authority: power to act in a sphere or domain

Go: travel; behave

I AM: exist; I Am

Power Prayer:

Lord, I love You. I want Your heart for lost people. I invite Your Holy Spirit to “come on me” so I can fulfill Your command to be Your witness and make disciples. I want Your power and authority to influence the people You died for. I submit to You in everything and am willing to go and do whatever You ask of me.

*“Come, follow Me and I will make **YOU** fishers of men.” Mark 1:17*