

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Resurrection Power May 8, 2018 Suzi Armstrong

### Romans 8.11 NASB

But if **the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you**, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

- Holy Spirit is resurrection power. Dunamis power is inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature. Holy Spirit's nature is POWER!
- When resurrection power comes, wrapped in His power the attributes of God come too.
  - Love
  - Mercy
  - Wisdom
  - Strength
  - Hope
  - Faithfulness
  - Courage
  - Grace
  - Righteousness
  - Justice
  - Goodness



### Mark 16.9-14 NASB

Now after **He had risen**...He first appeared to Mary Magdalene...She went and reported to those who had been with Him...**they refused to believe it**...He appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking along on their way to the country. They went away and reported it to the others, but **they did not believe them either**. Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining *at the table*; and **He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen**.

- When resurrection power comes the kingdom of God is at hand. Jesus said I am the resurrection and life (Jn. 11.25). The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy and those who hold to His testimony believe in Him (Rev. 19.10).
- Jesus rebuked the disciples for their unbelief because they didn't recognize the presence of God when it came. The two did not believe the testimony of Mary and the nine did not believe the testimony of the other two disciples.
  - Even when we don't understand the experience, we are to know the origin of the experience by the presence of God released.
  - We are to enter in, receive and come into agreement with the testimony of Jesus.
  - We are to recognize when it is God because we know His presence and His presence comes in the words spoken. His words carry His presence and His presence is life. Hear and speak the word of the Lord. Hear it in your heart and hear it in the testimony of Jesus.
  - In His presence His kingdom comes.



- If we function as intellectual believers we can miss a word that was to bring life. Jesus says that His words are spirit and life (Jn. 6.63).

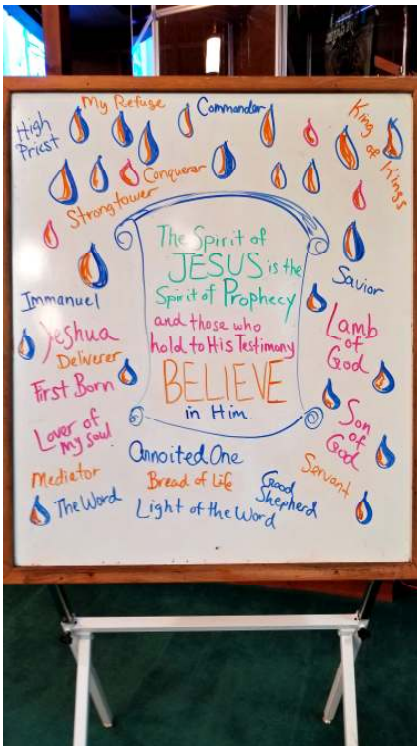
**Acts 1.8** NASB

But **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.**

- Dunamis power has come upon us through the Spirit of God in us.
- We carry the resurrection power of God in us, resurrection power is at work IN us and resurrection power is released through us.
- We are to be witnesses of God’s resurrection power at work in our cities and nation.
  - When we hear testimony of transformation in Detroit we are not to ignore or tune out that testimony because we are not involved or understand or are interested in it.
  - To be a witness is to declare having seen God working, moving, bringing life into a place or person.
  - To be a witness is to be alive, sensitive and recognizing when the power of God comes and is at work.



The kingdom of God is at hand, resurrection power is here in Detroit, available and experientiable. Listen, listen to the sound. The sound of heaven announces His coming. When we hear that sound our heart pounds and leaps from its place. Listen! Listen to the roar of His voice, to the rumbling that comes from His mouth. He unleashes His resurrection power and sends it to the ends of Detroit and the nations of the earth. When He releases His resurrection power, He holds nothing back. He does great things beyond our understanding so that all may know His work (Rewording Job 36.33; Job 37.1-7).



**Isaiah 46.8-13** NIV reworded

**8 "Remember this, keep it in mind, take it to heart, Detroit.**

**9 Remember the former things, those of long ago;**

**I am God, and there is no other;**

I am God, and there is none like me.

**10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.**

I say, **'My purpose will stand Detroit, and I will do all that I please.'**

**11 From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose.**

**What I have said, that I will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do.**

**12 Listen to me, you stubborn-hearted, you who are now far from my righteousness.**

**13 I am bringing my righteousness near, it is not far away;**

and my salvation will not be delayed.

**I will grant salvation to Detroit, my splendor to your land.**



With boldness we declare to Detroit, the resurrection power of God has entered you Detroit. That mighty dunamis power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in our city, in this neighborhood and in neighborhoods throughout this great city. For we have heard the testimony of Jesus ringing across this land. Miracles, signs and wonders are taking place because the pure word of the Gospel has gone into this city and land. The kingdom of God is at hand Detroit – **it is here and it is NOW!** Your sorrows, Detroit, are being turned into joy. The rain of God is pouring upon this land. The days are here Detroit, "...when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from the hills...I will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them...says the Lord your God." (Amos 9.13-15). "The Lord, the Lord Almighty, He who touches Detroit and it melts..." (Amos 9.5a).

