



Series Week 7: Where are you going? - Living Empowered

The goal of our conversation today is to process personally what it looks like to “Live Empowered” in our everyday lives, taking the Holy Spirit with us into our workplaces, schools, teams, neighborhood and friend group.

Watch Video: “Life on Mission: Living Empowered” on Mosaic Chapel’s YouTube Page

Q: What stood out to you?

Q: Molly gave a few observations on Ananias’ story of “living empowered.” What were they?

Daily invite the Holy Spirit into your life

Be interruptible

Allow the Holy Spirit to fill us with strength and obedience

Be open to the supernatural

Be humble

Embrace being a supporting character

Be open to a campaign

Q: Is there anything you’d add to this list?

We’ve read Galatians 5 in the past. We see an interesting combination in this passage regarding “walking in the Spirit.” As we “walk in the Spirit,” it both grows and refines us, and serves those around us. Read Galatians 5:13-26 and make your own observations and “walking in the Spirit.”

Q: How do you “walk in the Spirit” each day? What does that look like for you personally?



Q: What challenges do you face with the idea of “walking in the Spirit” each day?

Q: Share stories of God using you as you’ve sought to walk in His Spirit in your daily life.

Q: We looked at the story of Paul’s conversion, but from Ananias’ experience. Take a moment to consider being the supporting character in what God’s doing in someone else’s life. How does that effect your perspective of the people you regularly interact with?

Q: Why is humility an important component of living empowered?

Q: How open are you to the supernatural in your day-to-day life? What can you do to be more open?

Q: What is one way you can apply this conversation in your life this week?

Read and consider together the spiritual gifts listed in Scripture.

Spiritual Gifts

We see a number of spiritual gifts listed in Scripture. We see a couple different kinds of gifts listed in Scripture, including

Supernatural, spiritual gifts (also called manifestations) – 1 Corinthians 12

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

These are gifts given by the Spirit, in His timing to serve His purposes. These are not permanent giftings. “These nine unique manifestations are not “permanent” like the Ephesians 4 or Romans 12 gifts are (at least one of which each believer is given); rather, they are “come and go” demonstrations of His power displayed through yielded believers as He sees the need.” – Foursquare’s Pastoral Licensing Guide



We also see more permanent gifts listed in Scripture – Romans 12, Ephesians 4
These gifts are more of a permanent skill set that is unique to each person.

Romans 12:3-8

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Ephesians 4:11-13

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Idea: Consider doing a Spiritual Gifts Survey as part of your group (or encourage people to do it on their own). Here's a good one:

<https://enewhope.org/resources/spiritual-gifts-test/>

I think a successful conversation this week is for people to process the idea of “Living Empowered” in their everyday lives. Folks can share with one another how they walk in the Spirit each day, and share stories of how God has used them as they do this.

