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Hello to all of our listeners and supporters of KJIR Radio. May is the month of graduations, Mother's Day celebrations, and Memorial Day observances. Wherever this month takes you it's an opportunity to display The LORD JESUS CHRIST! The simple definition for the word "opportunity" is a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something. Whenever we are out and about, we have the opportunity to be CHRISTLIKE to somebody who desperately needs it. To be CHRISTLIKE is to be like JESUS. Charles M. Sheldon wrote a novel first published in 1896 entitled, In HIS Steps. This is the book that introduced us to the phrase "What Would JESUS Do?" (WWJD). In fact, the full title for this book is, In HIS Steps: What Would JESUS Do? Most Christians who have any knowledge of the Bible could probably in any given circumstance answer the question, what would JESUS do if HE were there? But to be truly

CHRISTLIKE requires more than knowledge, it requires Power from on High! The last thing JESUS said to HIS followers before HE ascended to the FATHER was this, **And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. (Luke 24:49)** It takes more than head knowledge to be CHRISTLIKE. It takes the Baptism of the HOLY GHOST. The Apostle Luke repeats this command of JESUS in the book Acts, **And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath**

put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:4-8) JESUS was not speaking to non-believers HE was talking to HIS followers! This same WORD speaks to us today. It's GOD THE FATHER using GOD THE SPIRIT to reveal GOD THE SON in a vessel called THE CHURCH! We are made effective witnesses through the power of THE HOLY SPIRIT. Paul wrote this, **And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: (1 Corinthians 2:4)** Paul continues a few verses later with, **But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.** (In other words,

it's more than head knowledge) **But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:** for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. (1 Corinthians 2:9-11) There is a second GRACE after we believe that makes us effective witnesses. All this comes from scripture as we see in Acts Chapter 19. **And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. (Acts 19:1-6)**

I am not talking about salvation. I am talking about being endued with power from GOD to effectively represent HIM. JESUS is recorded by Mark as saying this, **And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.** (Mark 16:17-18) We must bend the knee and seek this power to be CHRISTLIKE. **If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?** (Luke 11:13). I encourage everyone reading this to heed the words of JESUS you just read. HIS church will cast out devils, HIS church will speak with new tongues, HIS church will heal the sick. Here's another word from JESUS, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.** (John 14:12)

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