

## **Moving From the Presence of God to the Power of God**

Acts 1:8

- † We tend to want the acts of God (power of God) to happen before we seek the presence of God.
- † The death of self brings the presence of God.  
The "I" has to die.  
My "I" has to be knocked out!
- † Luke 14:27 says (Jesus speaking) "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow Me, cannot be My disciple."
- † It is impossible for the living to surrender. Only the dead surrender.
- † The presence of God can only find dwelling in a humble spirit (your spirit is where the Holy Spirit finds dwelling).
- † There is a difference between the presence of God and the power of God.
- † Moses always wanted to be in the presence of God. Because the spirit of Moses always wanted to be in the presence of God (doing the spiritually necessary things that allowed God's presence), God gave Moses extraordinary spiritual power. Same with the disciples. Same with us.
- † Power from God is not for ourselves; it is for ministering to others.
- † We have to know His presence before we receive His power for ministering and before we can be effective in our ministries.
- † Learn to give God the glory. Talk about it. We are the Body of Christ! We are more than human. Never be satisfied with the ordinary. Seek, with your whole heart, the extraordinary of Almighty God. It begins with desiring His presence more than yourself.

Memory Verse:

***"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; then you will be effective witnesses."*** —Acts 1:8