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There have been a few times in my life that can only be described as the power of the Holy Spirit taking over my body and moving me forward. I am talking about those moments where you don't want to move, you don't want to speak, and yet, you find yourself standing, your legs have a mind of their own, and you feel as though you are being guided. You begin to speak, though you don't know what's coming next, and yet, the words are flowing. I can only attribute this to the power of the Holy Spirit in me, moving me beyond my comfort to bring about His power and glory.

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity. The Salvation Army's third doctrine says, *"We believe that there are three persons in the Godhead – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, undivided in essence and co-equal in power and glory."* Sometimes it is easier to talk about God as the Father and God as the Son (Jesus Christ). However, there is a third person in the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, who is equally important and is God's gift to humankind. John 14:26 says, *"But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative – that is, the Holy Spirit – he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you."* The Holy Spirit is God in us. The disciples were concerned about Jesus leaving them and yet, by way of the Holy Spirit, God is with them and with us always.

Acts 1:8 says, *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* May we not try to live our life in our own strength and will but live with the power of the Holy Spirit in us. Without the Holy Spirit working and moving in our lives, there is no power and there is no authority. When we receive the Holy Spirit, there is power inside of us; power to break free from addiction, temptations, brokenness, guilt, and shame, and to be set free to dance in the freedom of God. There is a tremendous blessing when we wait upon the Lord and when we receive His power by way of the Holy Spirit. Have you received the Holy Spirit into your life? We cannot go forward without His power and His energy moving through us. Do not go from where you are without receiving the power of the Holy Spirit within you.

I pray that we will be a people and nation ready to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. I pray that we would be filled with God's power, wisdom, strength, and His peace that surpasses all understanding, to then go forward in faith, believing and knowing that we are walking with God.