

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Outpourings, Pt. 2

Joel 2:28; Acts 2:4, 16-17

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**Today's Focus:**  
**Outpourings, Pt. 2**

**Introduction**

Last week we talked about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And we said that outpourings are “the answer to your situation.”

**Review**

*An outpouring in the context of this lesson is a divine move of God where He pours out without limits, His Spirit or Blessings on the believer, that causes the lives of those who receive it to never be the same.*

**Based on the scriptures, .... God Promises an Outpouring of The Holy Spirit and Blessings - Joel 2:28, Malachi 3:10-12**

When we receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, it manifests in power, people (souls), praise (Isaiah 61:1-3), protection, and peace.

Many believers in Christ abort the manifestation of the outpouring because they think that all manifestations are instantaneous.

**Not all spiritual manifestations are instantaneous.**

- a) **Instantaneous** Manifestation (immediately) – Matthew 8:3
- b) **Incremental** Manifestation (while they were going) – Luke 17:14; John 9; Mark 4:26-28
- c) **Illumination** Manifestation (one word spoken and everything changes) – 1 Samuel 1:12-20; Luke 1:36; Matt. 8:8

*Since spiritual manifestations can be instantaneous, incremental, or illumination we have to **respect the spiritual process that brings a manifestation into reality.***

**Many believers are sincere in their expectations but don't know how to receive them.**

**How to Receive a Promise?**

*In Romans 4:16-24, we see*

- a. *the Existence of Negative Facts – vs. 19*  
*Abraham faced the facts. You must face the facts, don't deny it.*
- b. *the Establishment of New Facts – vs. 20*  
*Strengthened in faith by giving glory to God*
- c. *the Efforts to reach the level of "full persuasion – vs. 21*

## **How to receive a Promise?**

- 1. Face the Negative Facts but attack them with faith**
- 2. Establish New Facts by renewing your mind**
- 3. Discipline yourself to walk in faith until you are fully persuaded that the negative facts can change.**
  - Discipline is enforced obedience
  - Discipline is a matter of
    - Consecration
    - Information
    - Saturation
    - Confession
    - Deliberation
    - Determination
    - Expectation

## **Growth Group Discussion**

### **For the week of November 19, 2023**

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#### **WHAT'S YOUR HIGHLIGHT?**

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

#### **WHAT'S YOUR STORY?**

Have you ever believed God for some things and never received them? What happened to your faith after that experience?

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Read Romans 4:16-23
2. Based on your reading, outline the things that Abraham did when it came to receiving the promise of God.
3. How can we face the facts without being intimidated?
4. How do we go about establishing new facts? Discuss?
5. What is discipline?
6. How do we discipline ourselves until we reach the level of "fully persuaded"?