

Introduction: Review “baby steps” that change the world

- _____ near to God. Acts 3:1-2

- _____ through Jesus' eyes. Acts 3:3-5

- _____ on your good impulses. Acts 3:6-10

- _____ God the credit. Acts 3:11-13

- _____ share the “Good News.” Acts 3:14-26

- Expect a _____ response. Acts 4:1-6

From "baby steps" to "walking" in the power of God: 4 lessons from Acts 4

Lesson #1

Fear Not! The Holy Spirit will _____ through you! Acts 4:5-12

Jesus' promise:

¹²"But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of My name. ¹³This will result in your being witnesses to them. ¹⁴But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict".

Luke 21:12-15

Lesson #2

Fear Not! The Holy Spirit will _____ you! Acts 4:13-22

Jesus' promise:

"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

Lesson #3

Fear Not! The Holy Spirit will _____ you!

Acts 4:23-32

Jesus' promise:

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-- fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name".

John 15:16

Lesson #4

Fear Not! The Holy Spirit will _____ all your needs!

Acts 4:33-36

Jesus' promise:

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33

Discussion Questions:

1. What was most encouraging about this message for you? Why?
2. Which of the four fears discussed limits your impact for Christ the most? Why?
3. What is the relationship between the promises Jesus gave to His disciples (and us) and the Holy Spirit's work in our lives?
4. What specific relationship or opportunity to extend Jesus' love and message do you feel prompted to pursue? Who might pray with you this week as you trust the Holy Spirit to empower you?