



**A People of Faith and Power**  
**February 16, 2025 - Sermon Outline**

February 18, 2001, about 24 years ago, about 1,253 Sundays ago, APC started in a small way, with about 12 people meeting in the living room of a home in R.T. Nagar in Bangalore. In that service we boldly stated our vision to be “salt and light in the city of Bangalore, a voice to the nation and to the nations”. As we look back today, we are grateful that we are walking out this vision, to some measure, empowered by His grace and power.

As we look ahead, we know there is so much that awaits us - in the realm of the Spirit, in the Word, and in the work, God has for us to accomplish.

To make the journey ahead of us, we must be A PEOPLE OF FAITH AND POWER, and we must continue to nurture the younger generations to become A PEOPLE OF FAITH AND POWER.

Let’s consider a few aspects of being A PEOPLE OF FAITH AND POWER.

**Acts 6:1-8**

**1** Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

**2** Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.

**3** Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, **full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom**, whom we may appoint over this business;

**4** but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

**5** And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose **Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip**, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,

**6** whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

**7** Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

**Stephen Is Seized**

**8** And **Stephen, full of faith and power**, did great wonders and signs among the people.

There were seven men, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom who were chose to serve.



Among them were Stephen was a man full of faith and power, and Philip.

We must be full of the Word to be full of faith.

We must be full of the Holy Spirit to be full of power.

We carry these (the Word, the Spirit, the faith, the power) with a deep intimate relationship with God and in godly, consecrated vessels.

### **FULL OF THE WORD, FULL OF FAITH**

We know that faith comes by hearing God's Word (Romans 10:17). It is God's Word that produces faith in us. The Lord Jesus is the Author and Finisher (Perfector) of our faith. And Bible faith is nurtured both through the Word and through a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who is the Author and Finisher (Perfector) of our faith.

Faith can grow and increase (2 Thessalonians 1:3) as we continue to nurture it with the Word and nurture our relationship with the Lord.

Bible faith works today the same way as it did in Bible times, because God has not changed, and His Word has not changed.

We must be a people who are established in the Word of God – not just an intellectual knowledge of the Word, but in a “living and active” relationship with the Word.

We must keep growing in His Word.

### **FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, FULL OF POWER**

We know that the Holy Spirit indwells us as believers. He works in us transforming us into the likeness of Jesus Christ. He also empowers us so that the supernatural power of God can be manifested through our lives.

The Holy Spirit is infinite. He is here, but there is more of Him because He is infinite. We can have more of the Holy Spirit's presence, power and working in us as individuals and as a community.

### **GREAT WONDERS AND SIGNS**



### **Acts 6:8**

And **Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.**

The outcome of us being a people full of faith and power, is that we will see God do great signs and wonders through us, among those around us.

Stephen was not an apostle. He was simply serving in the church community – and he was a man full of faith and power. This is what all of us should grow to be.

### **THE CITY OF SAMARIA**

#### **Acts 8:4-8**

**4 Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.**

**5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.**

**6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.**

**For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.**

**8 And there was great joy in that city.**

Along with Stephen there were 6 others, who were like him.

We read about Philip in the chapters that follow.

We note that after the great persecution, Philip went to another city, the city of Samaria and there had great impact for the Kingdom of God.

We know that most people here at APC are upwardly mobile professionally. There is a high probability that they will relocate to other cities and perhaps other parts of the world.

As people of faith and power – wherever we go we must have impact for God's Kingdom.

### **A PEOPLE FULL OF FAITH AND POWER – EVERYWHERE!**

A people full of faith and power in every sphere of society.



Whether it is the realm of Family, Faith (Religion), Business (Commerce), Education, Government, Media or Arts & Entertainment – in every sphere of society, as people of faith and power – we bring Kingdom influence and impact.

### **A DEEP INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND IN GODLY, CONSECRATED VESSELS.**

We carry faith and power, through a deep intimate relationship with God. We must continually nurture our relationship with the Lord.

We live consecrated to the Lord. We know that God has called us to be holy vessels to Him.

### **A LEGACY CONTINUED**

#### **Acts 21:8-9**

**8 On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.**

**9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied.**

Another interesting fact about Philip, one of the seven men we read about in Acts 6, is that we read about him once again, about 20 years later, in Acts 21. Philip is in another city called Caesarea. He is married and has four daughters. The Scripture points out that these daughters of Philip, prophesied.

The work of the Spirit – being a people of faith and power – was passed on. It was a legacy that continued.

This is what we desire to see happen at APC – that we raise up succeeding generations of believers to be people full of faith and power!

### **SUMMARY**

#### **GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL**

#### **SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME**

**Minister as the Spirit leads**



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**LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE**  
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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

**Life Group Leader:** To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. **Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group.** All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture references: *Acts 6:1-8*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

**Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning.** Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*#1, Describe a believer, who is a professional and full of faith and power. Describe her or his life and practice in the workplace (marketplace). What would it look like ideally as she/he goes through meeting people, facing challenges, etc. How can this believer do great signs and wonders in the workplace?*



*#2, Describe a christian family, maybe a family of four, that is full of faith and power. What will their home look like? What practices would they be following? Consider various challenges they may go through and how they live out being full of faith and power.*

*#3, Similarly, describe a church community of thousands of congregants, with everyone being full of faith and power. What would this church community look like? How would they do life together, being full of Word and the Holy Spirit?*

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

#### **FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

#### **ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

**JESUS CHRIST:** <https://examiningjesus.com>

**BIBLE COLLEGE:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

**E-LEARNING:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

**WEEKEND SCHOOLS:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

**COUNSELING:** <https://chrysalislife.org>

**MUSIC:** <https://apcmusic.org>

**MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP:** <https://pamfi.org>

**CHURCH APP:** <https://apcwo.org/app>

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## SERMON OUTLINE

Considering Acts 6:1-8, we encourage believers to be full of faith and power and point to what this would look like in today's world. A simple, encouraging message, that points us to brining Kingdom impact and influence everywhere we go.

This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

## KEYWORDS

Faith and power, God's Word, Holy Spirit, sermons, sermon notes, sermon outline, free sermon notes, free sermon outlines, Bible study resources

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