

Weekly Work | November 12 & 15
God Moves in Power through Generosity

Overview
The sermon series “God Moves in Power” is a journey through the book of Acts, where we witness the Holy Spirit at work through prayer, the gospel, the Church, and ordinary people. As we explore the story of the early church, we’ll discover that the same God who moved powerfully then is still moving today. This series will challenge and encourage us to live with bold faith, expectant prayer, and a willingness to join God’s ongoing mission in the world. The story of Acts is far from over and we’re invited to be a part of it.

Day 1: The Father Gives

Read: James 1:17; Acts 17:24–25; Matthew 7:9–11

Every breath you took today was a gift. The Father gives life, creation, and every good and perfect gift. Jesus said that if imperfect parents know how to give good gifts, how much more will our Father in heaven. Generosity begins with seeing how much we've already been given.

Reflect: List five good gifts from God you've received this week.

Pray: Father, open my eyes to your gifts all around me. Make me grateful and make me generous like you.

Day 2: The Son Gives

Read: 2 Corinthians 8:9; Mark 10:45
Jesus gave his time to children, the best wine at a wedding, his touch to a leper, and finally his life. He was rich, yet he became poor so we could become rich. Every gift we give is a small echo of the one he gave for us.

Reflect: Which of Jesus' gifts moves you most today? How could you echo it this week?

Pray: Jesus, you gave everything for me. Let my giving be a response of love to you.

Day 3: The Spirit Gives

Read: 1 Peter 4:10–11; 1 Corinthians 12:4–7

The Holy Spirit is himself God's gift to us, and he gives gifts to every believer. Those gifts aren't ours to keep. They're "given to be given" for the good of others. The time, talents, and resources God has given you are meant to flow through you.

Reflect: What gift has the Spirit given you? Who could you share it with this week?

Pray: Holy Spirit, thank you for your gifts. Show me how to use them to serve and bless others.

Day 4: A Cheerful Giver

Read: Acts 4:32–37; 2 Corinthians 9:6–11

The early church gave so freely that no one among them was in need. Paul says God loves a cheerful giver, one whose joy spills over. And God promises to enrich us "so that you can be generous on every occasion." Joyful giving isn't forced. It flows from a heart that knows it has been given much.

Reflect: Is your giving more often reluctant, routine, or joyful? What would make it more joyful?
Pray: Lord, make my giving glad, not grudging. Make our church known for its generosity, as the early church was.

Day 5: From Scarcity to Trust

Read: Malachi 3:10; Acts 20:35

God invites his people to "test me in this." Jesus says it is more blessed to give than to receive. Even researchers have found that generous people tend to be happier and healthier. God isn't trying to take from us. He's inviting us into the life he designed us for.

Reflect: What step of generosity did you choose this week? How did God meet you in it?

Pray: Father, replace my fear and scarcity with trust in you. Help me discover that it truly is more blessed to give.