God Is Present Among Us, in Great Grace, Great Power & Great Fear

Acts 4:31-5:11

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One: There is Great Grace to Transform us…

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- *2) 4:31, They continued to speak Boldly the Word –*
- *3) 4:32, They were of one heart and soul –*
- *4) 4:32, 4:34-35, They sacrificed to provide other's needs*

Two: There is Great Power for Witness

- ***Luke 24:49*** *And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*
- ***Acts 1:8*** *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*
- ***Acts 3:12*** *And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?*
- ***Romans 1:16*** *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*
- ***1 Corinthians 2:3–4*** *And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,*

Three: There is Great Fear after God's Judgement

- ***James 1:14–15*** *But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.*
- ***1 Peter 5:8–9*** *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.*

So, what do we do with this?

1) ***Cry out to God*** *to continue His Gracious work of Transformation*
2) ***Look for and Encourage*** *others when you see God's Grace at work in them*
3) ***Step forward and speak God's Word*** *in weakness, fear & trembling, knowing God's Great Power can/will be at work to change others*
4) ***Guard your heart*** *with all diligence, for your enemy is on the prowl*
5) ***Fear God*** *as a preventative to falling.*

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