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A New Day, a New Way

We've learned so much together this Easter season, but the good news is that it's not over. Have you ever thought that you don't have power or influence because you're young or small? That's a crummy feeling, and it can make you feel insignificant. The whole purpose of Jesus rising from the grave is so that He can empower you with God's Holy Spirit. You can do the very things He did. You can be small and yet have a BIG impact. The purpose of His Spirit is to give you the very same strength and resolve that Jesus had, even in hard situations. That means there is no task too big and no opportunity out of reach. All you have to do is depend on Jesus and His way, and you can accomplish big things for Him. This doesn't mean that suddenly you're going to be able to have the ability to levitate cookies and drop them into your mouth. This does mean, however, that when you're doing things for God's Kingdom and for His love to be shown, God will help you accomplish **ANYTHING**.

Question Time:

Have you ever felt small and insignificant?

How does it make you feel to know that you've been empowered by the Holy Spirit?

What is something this week you can do to share the love of Jesus?

Jesus' disciples were scared after He died. They locked themselves in a room, and He came to tell them that He was giving them the Holy Spirit.

Luke 24:36-49

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." **37** They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. **38** He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? **39** Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." **40** When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. **41** And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" **42** They gave him a piece of broiled fish, **43** and he took it and ate it in their presence. **44** He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." **45** Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. **46** He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, **47** and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things. **49** I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

You can be given Jesus' power and receive the Holy Spirit if you believe in Him. Don't be afraid, for He is with you always.

Next Steps:

Pray for strength in those moments you feel like you can't accomplish a big task. Don't forget that Jesus is with you always, ready to help, all you have to do is ask.