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Jeremiah 12:5 - Running with Horses

Questions for Reflection:

1. Who are the "**footmen**" who wearies you in your life and ministry?
2. What are the "**horses**" the Lord wants you to run with?
3. What should we be doing in our "**land of peace**" to prepare for the "**flooding of the Jordan**"?

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To run with **horses**, we must look to:

1. **Protect** the capacities in our lives:
 - A. **Spiritual** Capacity
 - B. **Mental** Capacity
 - C. **Emotional** Capacity
 - D. **Physical** Capacity
2. **Strengthen** them
3. **Enlarge** them

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Principles from 2 Kings 2:1-14

Going through the **4 places**:

1. **Gilgal**
2. **Bethel**
3. **Jericho**
4. **Jordan**

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REVIEW

Gilgal = Circumcision = Cutting of the Flesh

Bethel = Encountering the Presence of God

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REVIEW

Jericho is tearing down strongholds:

2 Corinthians 10:3-5: **5 Issues**

1. Know our spiritual **weapons**.
2. Seek the true **knowledge** of God.
3. Understand about **strongholds**.
4. Tearing down **strongholds**.
5. Taking captive every **thought**.

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Jordan is living the Resurrected Life

This is the **Spirit-Filled
Spirit-Empowered** Life

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Joshua 3

- Israel crossed the River Jordan -

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Joshua 3:14-17

14 So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with **the priests bearing the ark of the covenant** before the people, 15 and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the **feet of the priests** who bore the ark **dipped in the edge of the water** (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest),

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Joshua 3:14-17

16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 Then **the priests** who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord **stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan**; and **all Israel crossed over** on dry ground, **until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan**.

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Joshua 3:14-17 - *Israel crossed the River Jordan*

- A. The priests first stepped into the flooded River Jordan by **faith** in complete **obedience**.
- B. The priests stood in "**death**" for the rest of Israel to cross over in "**life**".

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The River Jordan is our identification with **Christ** in His death, burial and **resurrection**.

Romans 6:3-4

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into His death**? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was **raised from the dead** by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life**.

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The **River Jordan** is where:

- > *John the Baptist baptize the people*
- > *the Lord Jesus Himself was baptized*

Luke 3:21-22

21 When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that **Jesus also was baptized**; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

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What does Jordan mean for us as believers?

Jordan = Baptism

= From Death to **Resurrection**

= **The Spirit-Filled Spirit-Empowered Life!**

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The **Spirit-Filled Spirit-Empowered** believer:

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- II. will experience the **approval** and **delight** of Father-God.

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Deuteronomy 28

Open Heavens	Closed Heavens
Blessings	Curses
Life	Death

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I. **Open** Heavens.
= The **True Knowledge of God** evidenced in:
Life that is **More** and **Abundantly** - John 10:10

Freedom from Bondages	Vibrant walk with God	Able to handle SAF	Increasing Wisdom and Revelation
Over-comer of sin, the world and the evil one		Victorious Living	
1 Thessalonians 5:23		3 John 2	

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I. **Open** Heavens.

From	To
Darkness	Light
Power of Satan	Power of God
Condemned in our Sins	Forgiveness of Sins
Mourning	Oil of Joy
Ashes	Beauty
Spirit of Heaviness	Garment of Praise

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I. **Open** Heavens.

From	To
Bondage	Freedom
Spiritual Blindness	Knowing the Truth
Lack	Abundant Provision - 2 Peter 1:3-4
Lost in Wilderness	Path of Life
Devil Steal, Kill and Destroy	Presence of Joy and Pleasures at God's Right Hand
Sickness	Health

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The **Spirit-Filled Spirit-Empowered** believer:
II. will experience the **approval** and **delight** of Father-God [love all same but delight depends on ...]

Luke 3:22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and **a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."**

Hebrews 1:9	Hebrews 5:7-8	Psalm 40:8	Philippians 2:5-11
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Luke 3:8, 10-14
8 Therefore bear **fruits worthy of repentance** ...
10 So **the people** asked him, saying, "**What shall we do then?**"
11 He answered and said to them, "He who **has two tunics**, let him **give to him who has none**; and he who **has food**, let him **do likewise**." 12 Then **tax collectors** also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" 13 And he said to them, "**Collect no more than what is appointed for you.**"
14 Likewise the **soldiers** asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "**Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.**"

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WHAT does it mean to be a **Spirit-Filled Spirit-Empowered** believer?

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The **Spirit-Filled Spirit-Empowered** believer.

1. This is also known as the Anointing **on / upon**.

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The **Spirit-Filled Spirit-Empowered** believer.

2. This is distinguished from the Anointing **within**.
 - A. When we are born again, we receive the **indwelling** Holy Spirit.
 - B. The **indwelling** Holy Spirit is our Counselor-Comforter guiding us in our **relationship** with God to grow in Christ-likeness.

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The **Spirit-Filled Spirit-Empowered** believer.

3. The Anointing upon is for **empowerment** for **life** and **ministry**.

Luke 3:22-23

22 And **the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him**, ... **23** Now Jesus Himself **began His ministry** at about thirty years of age, being (*as was supposed*) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli ...

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3. The Anointing upon is for **empowerment** for **life** and **ministry**.

This is also known as:

- A. to be **baptized** with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5).
- B. Holy Spirit coming **on / upon** us (Acts 1:8).
- C. being **filled** with the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4 and Ephesians 5:18).

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This is to **enable** and to **empower** the believer:

- i. to **live** victoriously overcoming **sins** - Romans 8:1-2.

Romans 8:2 For the **law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** has made me **free from the law of sin and death**.

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now **the Lord is the Spirit**; and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty**.


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The Law of the Spirit of Life always overcome the Law of Sin and Death.



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Falling into sin and
bondage 1 John 1:9

Ground-Foothold- Doorway
given to evil one - bondage

James 5:16



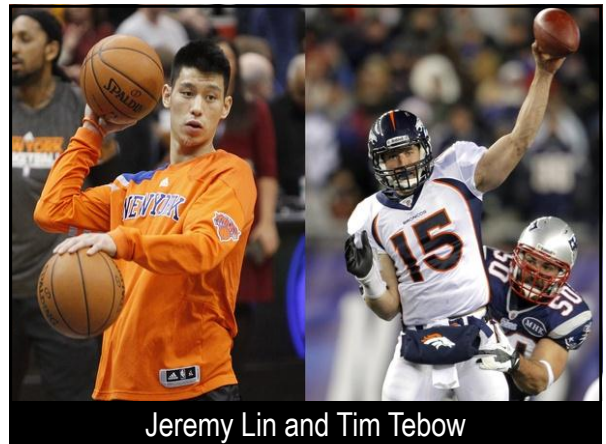
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This is to **enable** and to **empower** the believer:

ii. to be **witnesses** of God i.e. *to share Christ*.

Acts 1:8 But you shall **receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come **upon you**; and you shall **be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.



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To be **Salt and Light** where we **live** and **work**:

1. **A**rts & Entertainment
2. **B**usiness, Science & Technology
3. **C**ommunications & Media
4. **D**isadvantage & Marginalized
5. **E**ducation & Schools
6. **F**amily & Home
7. **G**overnment & Leadership

Issue of Discipleship - Person and Purpose

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This is to **enable** and to **empower** the believer:

iii. to minister the specific **grace** of God to others.

Luke 4:18-19
18 The Spirit of the LORD is **upon** Me, because He has anointed Me to **preach** the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to **heal** broken-hearted, to proclaim **liberty to the captives** and recovery of **sight to the blind**, to set at **liberty those who are oppressed**.
19 To proclaim the **acceptable [favourable] year of the Lord**.

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Acts 10:38 how God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth **with the Holy Spirit and with power**, who went about **doing good** and **healing** all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

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1 Peter 4:10-11

10 As each one has received a gift, **minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.** **11** If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him **do it as with the ability which God supplies**, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Zechariah 4:6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: '**Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit**,' says the Lord of hosts.

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HOW to be a
Spirit-Filled Spirit-Empowered
believer?

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How to be a **Spirit-Filled Spirit-Empowered** believer?

1. Continually **surrender** to the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit**.

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How to be a **Spirit-Filled Spirit-Empowered** believer?

2. Do not **grieve** Him in dis-obedience.

Ephesians 4:30 And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

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How to be a **Spirit-Filled Spirit-Empowered** believer?

3. **1 Thessalonians 5:19**

Do not **quench** the Holy Spirit (NKJV)

Do not **put out** the Spirit's fire (NIV)

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CONCLUSION

Philippians 3:10-12

10 that I may **know Him** and **the power of His resurrection**, and the **fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death**, **11** if, by any means, I may **attain to the resurrection** from the dead. **12** Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I **press on**, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.

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CONCLUSION

Crossing Jordan is a Choice - Voluntary

Crossing the Red Sea - No Choice

**Do you want to live a Spirit-filled
and Spirit-Empowered Life?**