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When the disciples received the Holy Spirit and acted on His power, more people got saved. As Christians, no matter what we do, we need to understand that it is not our own skills, capabilities, or power that brings people to God. Rather, God's Spirit brings people to know Him. In this lesson, through what was happening in the book of Acts, we will discover how we can depend on the power of the Holy Spirit for the gospel to be proclaimed.

1 Believe God for miracles.

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Before we can witness miracles in our own lives, we need to believe that God is able to make them happen. The Bible encourages us to live by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). According to Hebrews 11:1, what is faith?

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2 Point people to God.

¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ACTS 5:14,15

The purpose of signs and wonders is to point people to God. As we step out in faith and do what God has called us to do, He will work powerful miracles in people's lives. These miracles should then point people to God's love and the gospel. How have you seen signs and wonders make God's power and love more real?

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3 Persevere to proclaim the gospel.

And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus. ACTS 5:42

Despite opposition, the early church grew, and the gospel continued to spread. More and more people put their faith in Jesus. Because we have received the Holy Spirit, we can persevere to proclaim the gospel. How often and where did the disciples proclaim the gospel? What can we learn from this verse?

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