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ENTRUSTED AND EMPOWERED

John 16:5-15 (HCSB)

5 "But now I am going away to Him who sent Me, and not one of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 Yet, because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth. It is for your benefit that I go away, because if I don't go away the Counselor will not come to you. If I go, I will send Him to you. 8 When He comes, He will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: 9 About sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me; 11 and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 "I still have many things to tell you, but you can't bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak whatever He hears. He will also declare to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify Me, because He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 Everything the Father has is Mine. This is why I told you that He takes from what is Mine and will declare it to you.

Luke 24:49 (HCSB)

49 And look, I am sending you what My Father promised. As for you, stay in the city until you are empowered from on high."

Acts 1:8 (HCSB)

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

2 Chronicles 7:2-3 (HCSB)

2 The priests were not able to enter the Lord's temple because the glory of the Lord filled the temple of the Lord. **3** All the Israelites were watching when the fire descended and the glory of the Lord came on the temple. They bowed down on the pavement with their faces to the ground. They worshiped and praised the Lord:

For He is good,
for His faithful love endures forever.

Acts 2:2-4 (HCSB)

2 Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. **3** And tongues, like flames of fire that were divided, appeared to them and rested on each one of them. **4** Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them ability for speech.

Isaiah 42:6-7 (HSCB)

6 "I, Yahweh, have called You
for a righteous purpose,^[a]
and I will hold You by Your hand.
I will keep You and appoint You
to be a covenant for the people
and a light to the nations,

7 in order to open blind eyes,
to bring out prisoners from the dungeon,
and those sitting in darkness from the prison house.