

The Restful Life Kingdom Power

Every child of God has *authority* for the impossible (Matthew 16:13-19). When we are like Peter, confessing Jesus to be the Christ and the Son of the living God, we are given *keys* of the kingdom of heaven. Those keys – which represent the Holy Spirit – give us the power and ability to become what we think is impossible to become, and to do what we know is impossible for us to do. When we live by and keep in step with the Spirit, we can become more like Jesus, who lived a life of rest, security, and hope with complete confidence that His Heavenly Father was working all things for His good.

GET THINGS STARTED

What are the most important keys you have or carry (and do you tend to misplace them often)? What do they unlock and why is that significant? What are the most important non-physical keys that you possess?

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GO DEEPER

1. Like Peter in Matthew 16:19, followers of Jesus have been given the *keys of the kingdom of heaven*. What does it mean to have these keys, and what do we have access to with them?
2. From Galatians 5:25, what does it look like to keep in step with the Spirit? What does this image of dancing reveal about how we relate to and interact with the Holy Spirit? What is the evidence that we are walking or living by the Spirit well?
3. From Romans 12:9-12 and Matthew 5:43-44, what impossible things are we called to as Jesus followers that are only possible by His Spirit in us? What other elements (e.g. thoughts, desires, motives, actions, choices, etc.) of God's Kingdom are impossible with the Spirit and His power?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. In this season, what seems impossible or feels overwhelming for you to become or to do? How easy or difficult is it for you to embrace the truth that the Holy Spirit can empower you to be victorious? What is keeping you from believing that truth completely?
2. How well are you walking or living by the Spirit, keeping in step with Him? How would you describe your closeness and submission to the Spirit? What needs to shift in you to be more aligned with Him throughout your day?

PRACTICE IT NOW

As a group, take a few minutes in prayer to invite the Holy Spirit to work and move in you, empowering you to become and to do the impossible. Ask God to give you a greater grace to live daily in closeness and submission to His Spirit, and for greater revelation in what that means and looks like. Ask Him to produce in you the fruit of the Spirit, and to give you a confidence in the authority and power of the Spirit in your life.

READING THIS WEEK: Chapters 10 & 11