

For Such a Time - Nimble Pastor Mandela June 13, 2021

Nimble - quick and light in motion: quick in understanding and learning.

Acts 16:6-10 (NLT) - Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. ⁷ Then coming to the borders of Mysia, they headed north for the province of Bithynia, but again the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to go there. ⁸ So instead, they went on through Mysia to the seaport of Troas. ⁹ That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" ¹⁰ So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

Big Idea: The nimble believer is filled, led, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

1. Filled by the Spirit

Acts 13:9a (NLT) - Saul, also known as Paul, was filled with the Holy Spirit. What are you filled with?

Ephesians 5:18 (NLT) - Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit does not weigh you down, but on the contrary, He lifts you up.

2. Led by the Spirit

Romans 8:14 (NIV) - For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

Sent out by the Holy Spirit Prevented by the Holy Spirit Forbidden by the Holy Spirit Bound by the Holy Spirit Then the Spirit said...

Galatians 5:25 (NLT) - Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

It's not just about being nimble, but knowing when to be nimble, requires the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives...

3. Empowered by the Spirit

Acts 1:8 (NLT) - "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 16:10 (NLT) - So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

Study Questions

Does being a "nimble" believer confuse you? Why?

What do you feel is "weighing" you down in life and keeping you from feeling light and quick in motion?

Do you have a relationship with the Holy Spirit, or is this all new to you?

A nimble believer is filled with the Holy Spirit. You can have that today! Pray this with me:

Dear Heavenly Father, I confess my need for you, and I look to your son Jesus to be my Lord and Saviour. I ask you to forgive me for all my sins, and I surrender my life to you. I believe Jesus Christ died for my sins and gives me new life. I receive your Holy Spirit to FILL ME, LEAD ME, and EMPOWER me. In Jesus name, AMEN.