

May the fourth be with you!

I have come to tell you one thing. Use the force/power that God has given you. If you feel you are unable, “lean into” his ability.

What am I talking about?

Act 1:8 NASB95 - 8 but you will **receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

As a believer, you have power residing inside of you because of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

- There are many schools of thought about the Holy Spirit and his power. I have had many of these same thoughts myself.
- Maturity in the Holy Spirit = Relationship (Story of how I received the Holy Spirit (Speaking in tongues) vs. Operating in the Holy Spirit now.

Here is what I know:

1. Acts 2:38 NASB95 -

38 Peter [said] to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2. Romans 8:9 NASB95 -

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

- If you are a believer, the Holy Spirit is inside of you.

In Star Wars. Obi-Wan Kenobi works with a young Luke Skywalker to train him to use the Force.

Video 1

(Scene of Luke using the guidance of the Force to hit the targets.)

Luke was connected to the Force, but he was not mature in the Force.

We are connected to God by His Spirit, but maturity is not an immediate reality. It requires growth

Colossians 1:9-10 NASB95 - 9 For this reason also, since the day we heard [of it,] we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please [Him] in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 Peter 2:2 NASB95 - 2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,

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- God has given us much more than a force. Yes, he has given us power (Acts 1:8), but he has also given us the one who brings the power/force. He has given us the Holy Spirit - Very God of very God.

Romans 8:11 NASB95 -

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

John 14:16-20, 26-27 NASB95 -

16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

17 [that is] the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, [but] you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

19 "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you [will] see Me; because I live, you will live also.

20 "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ...

26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

- Don't get me started on Jesus message of the "Vine and the Branches" (John 15)
- You don't become self-sufficient - Self-sufficiency is the original sin. "I can be like God" and not need his leadership, this is the core of stinking thinking.

Later, when Obi-Wan has died—gone to another place—he encourages Luke to use the Force—"use the Force, Luke." Through training and depending upon the Force, Luke can (spoiler alert) destroy the Death Star.

Video 2

Proverbs 3:5-6 NASB95 -

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

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Are you born again?

If not - way of salvation

If you are - Power on the inside

Learn to lean on Jesus/Holy Spirit

If your desire is to grow in relationship to the Holy Spirit - Lets pray.

Father, we pray that you will reveal the Holy Spirit to us. Help us to grow into a mature relationship with Him. (If you desire to be used in ministry to others by the gifts that the Holy Spirit bestows) Pray, Father I desire to be given the gift of (blank) and to grow to maturity in that gifting.

We can all pray, Father fill me afresh and new with your Holy Spirit.