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TURN A CORNER!

Have you read recently Luke chapters 3 and 4?

Notice how at Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended like a dove upon Him (3:22), and with that He was ready for ministry.

It had an immediate effect. Luke 4:1 says that He was full of the Holy Spirit, and that He was led by the Spirit. 4:14 says that He traveled in the power of the Spirit, and in the synagogue. He said that the Spirit of the Lord was on Him (4:18).

The results were explosive. The people praised Him (4:15), were amazed (4:22), or they were furious (4:28)!

If even Jesus, the only Son of God, didn't minister until He received the empowering of the Holy Spirit for His life, how much more should we wait on God for His filling and empowering?

Does even your Christian service seem powerless, frantic, or somehow motivated by flesh?

Sit before Him. Give Him time. Ask for His cleansing, re-filling, redirecting.

My friend, "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him" (Ps. 37:7).

You'll turn a corner.