

EVERYONE EVERYWHERE PART NINE

**WHAT REALLY, REALLY
STRESSES YOU OUT?**

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After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

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'SOVEREIGN'

The original Greek word is Despotēs
(δεσπότης).

**In the first century, it meant the absolute,
unquestioned owner and master of the house.**

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FOR THE EARLY DISCIPLES...

**Their theology shapes their
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A real filling with the Holy Spirit leads to serving God by serving others, including in situations when you are struggling or uncomfortable.

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Jesus Did it First...

01 UNITE IN GOD'S COMMUNITY

In Gethsemane, facing the crushing weight of the cross, Jesus sought Community: He didn't isolate. He took Peter, James and John into the Garden to pray with Him.

02 ANCHOR IN GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

He didn't demand an escape. He prayed to the Master of the house: "Not my will, but yours be done."

03 IMMERSED IN GOD'S SPIRIT

Having sought His Father, He was strengthened by heaven before He stood up to face the mob with unflinching boldness.

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Following the Book we call 'Acts'