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Following the Spirit _____

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I tell you the truth; anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do **even greater things** than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring **glory to the Father**. You may ask me for anything in my name, and **I will do it**.

John 14:12-14 (page 749)

Jesus does not mean greater works in volume or ability, but rather through the power of the **indwelling and infilling of the Holy Spirit**.

Our abilities are _____ by a different _____.

The gospel calls us to _____; believe in God and to **trust in His power and provision**.

God will **confront us** with **our inability** to accomplish anything of value apart from Him. Jesus reminds us, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing**" John 15:5

This brings us to the place where we either **dependent** on ourselves or **desperate** for the **Holy Spirit**, because when God sends His Spirit to work thru us **everything will change**, and **He is glorified**.

"But wait, I can not "

Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, **I have never been eloquent**, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. **I am slow of speech and tongue**". The Lord said to him, "Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? **Is it not I**, the Lord? **Now go**; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say". But Moses said, "O Lord, **please send someone else to do it**." Then the **Lord's anger** burned against Moses. Exodus 4: 10-14 (page 41)

If you want to make God laugh, tell Him _____.

If you want to make God angry, tell Him _____.

We may assume that this represented _____ but in fact it was _____.

Moses' problem isn't that he is too humble, rather it is that he is prideful and thinks God's _____ rises and falls with his own _____.

The Holy Spirit's capacity is seen in us as God requires. We do not lack anything necessary to bring God's plans to fruition. It is only as we **rely on God's capacity** (the Holy Spirit) to work thru us do we experience **God's strength** and proclaim **God's glory**.