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â€œAfter they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and s poke the word of God boldlyâ€• (Acts 4:31).

The first time vocalist Steve Green sang at Brooklyn Tabernacle, we gathered in my office with the associate pastors to pray just before the meeting began. We prayed in unison that God would come among us that day.

When we opened our eyes, Steve had an odd look on his face. â€œWhat was that vibration I just felt?â€• he asked. â€ œIs there a train that runs near here, or was that really . . . ?â€•

I explained that, as far as I knew, the rumble wasnâ€™t caused by the power of the Holy Spirit; rather, it was the passin g of the train in the subway that runs directly beneath our building.

For the early church in Jerusalem, however, the shaking they felt was nothing short of Spirit-induced. In that prayer meet ing Godâ€™s power came in a fresh, new, deeper way. These people had already been filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), but here they sensed a new need and God met them with a new infusion of power.

Our store of spiritual power apparently dissipates with time. Daily living, distractions, and spiritual warfare take their toll. I n the words Paul used in Ephesians 5:18, we need to â€œbe always being filled with the Spiritâ€• (literal translation).

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