

# Spiritual Power

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## Introduction

- We need to have the Spirit in our lives – Said that in January
- Prophet has asked us to raise the bar
  - Live up to our covenants
- Spiritual power comes through:
  - Sacrifice
    - Lectures on faith
    - “What are you willing to sacrifice?”
  - Service
  - Keeping covenants
    - Baptismal
      - Go over baptismal covenant
      - We are washed clean (justified)
      - We are cleansed by the Spirit (sanctification)
      - Renewed every Sunday with Sacrament
      - Expand on idea that if we come with repentance in our hearts it can be like baptism and we can then have his Spirit to be with us. Can be a source of renewal and Spiritual power
    - Temple
      - Exalting ordinances
      - Make covenants
        - wonderful blessings
- There is no spiritual power in lives of convenience
  - Often not convenient
  - Youth Temple baptisms
- We often hear of the suffering and the sacrifice the early Saints endured, and we ask ourselves:
  - How did they do it?
  - What was it that gave them such strength?
  - Part of the answer lies in they had made covenants with God.

- They did as President Brigham Young asked:  
     **“Let the fire of the covenant** which you made in the House of the Lord, **burn in your hearts, like flame unquenchable”** (Journal History of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 28 Sept. 1846, 5; emphasis added).
- Sometimes we are tempted to let our lives be governed more by convenience than by covenant.
- It is not always convenient to live gospel standards
- It usually is not convenient to share the gospel with others.
- It isn’t always convenient to respond to a calling in the Church, especially one that stretches our abilities.
- It is not always convenient to hold FHE or family prayer
- Opportunities to serve others in meaningful ways rarely come at convenient times.