

EMPTY, RUNNING ON

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You've been trying to manage your
finances, your frustrations, & your family –
& you're running on empty!

You've been trying to keep time w/the devil's music
& you're running on empty.

You've been keeping company with those who are
disgruntled and angry
& you're running on empty.

You've been singing in the choir
but you've been running on empty.

You've been working in the sound or the media,
but you've been running on empty.

You may have even been a Tuesday night participant
in the intercessors
but you've been running on empty.

You've been singing sad songs,
'cause you've been running on empty.

You tried dancing w/the wrong crowd
and you've been running on empty.

I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT –

The One who can fill your tank is in this house!
The one who can change your song
Etc.

HE'LL FILL YOUR TANK WITH –

I POWER

“Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost
Is come upon you.”

II JOY

John 15:11

**These things have I spoken unto you,
that my joy might remain in you,
and that your joy might be full.**

John 16:20

Your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

Romans 5:11

We joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 14:17

The kingdom of God is joy in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:13

The God of hope (will) fill you with all joy

Galatians 5:22

The fruit of the Spirit is joy

I Thess 1:6

You received the Word with joy in the Holy Ghost

I Peter 1:8

Rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory

I John 1:4

That your joy may be full!

John 14:26

**But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost,
whom the Father will send in my name,
He shall teach you all things,
and bring all things to your remembrance,
whatsoever I said unto you.**

Only God Jehovah could have accomplished in my life,
what has been accomplished.

Only God Jehovah could have brought order
where there was chaos.

Only Great God Jehovah could have brought you here
tonight and kept you from losing your mind.

Only God Jehovah can refill your tank
when life has drained you dry;
when life has robbed you of your forward movement.

When Jesus was arrested then crucified,
His followers fell apart.
They scattered to the winds.
They ran like cowards.
Some of them even denied that they knew Him.

They were devastated.
... bewildered.
... discouraged.
... defeated.
... disillusioned.
... demoralized.
... depressed.

It wasn't supposed to happen this way.

In their minds Jesus Christ was going to set up a literal kingdom here on earth – a Theocracy – and destroy the Roman Empire.

All of a sudden He's being crucified between two thieves; and they're scratching their heads in bewilderment.

Questions like:

Why is this happening to us?

What did we miss?

Why didn't Jesus warn us?

Is this our fault?

It seemed -

Their Faith died with Jesus!

Their Hope died with Jesus!

Their future dreams died with Jesus!

With all that they knew,
with all that they had seen, heard, and experienced,
here they were, with Jesus in the tomb,
and they are running on empty!

BUT THREE DAYS LATER – JESUS IS ALIVE AGAIN!

Acts 1:3-5, 8

**He showed Himself alive,
to the apostles whom he had chosen,
by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days. He then said – and I
paraphrase –**

“I know you're running on empty right now;

but you're about to be filled to overflowing!

Do not leave Jerusalem

but wait for the promise of the Father

which you have heard of me.

For you shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

(And) ye shall receive power,

after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you ...”

What happened,
in that Upper Room in Jerusalem,
forever transformed this bunch of empty-tank disciples.

- 1 Those who were once cowards are now full of courage.
- 2 Those who were once empty are now empowered.
- 3 Those who were once defeated, discouraged, and demoralized are now daring.

They're full of boldness.
They're afraid of no body and no thing!

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NOTES:

Lev 6:12

"The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out."

"Where there is no wood the fire goeth out."

It doesn't matter if you're young and full of

Zippity-do-da

Or if you're old and you got no

Zippity-do-da left –

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