



MESSAGE NOTES

“Ready to Shine”

Keep your battery charged and ready

Acts 1:8

1. You were born for such a time as this

You didn't choose the time or place of your birth. God has given you an opportunity to shine the light at a time like this.

Matthew 5:14-15 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.”

2. Keep your battery charged

You may feel like your “battery” is low, and without enough power to shine the light.

James 4:8 “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”

We need to keep our “battery” charged.

We need “**oil in our lamp**” to be ready for anything that may come our way. Without the power of the Spirit, we run empty and can't shine the light brightly.

Summary of **Matthew 25:1-13**: In this parable, Jesus tells of ten virgins who took their lamps to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were wise and took oil with them, while the other five were foolish and did not take any oil. When the bridegroom was delayed, the foolish virgins found their lamps going out and had to leave to buy oil. Meanwhile, the wise virgins were ready and went in with the bridegroom to the wedding feast.

The “oil” in this context can be seen as a symbol of being spiritually prepared — full of the Holy Spirit.

3. The Holy Spirit is our “Power Bank”

Acts 1:8 - “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

It all comes back to this: We need the power of the Holy Spirit in order to have a life that can shine the Light of Christ.

How do we get that? — Ask and you shall receive.