

Answer Key

Introduction:

- fuel
- Holy Spirit

Main Point I: PARTNERSHIP

- authentic
- isolation
- power source
- caravans

The Good News

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 5:1)

The Bad News

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

The Ugly News

For the wages of sin is death, ... (Romans 6:23a)

The Great News

... but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(Romans 6:23a)

Guess What?

You can become a Christian right now and experience salvation and the gift of eternal life through God's Son the Lord Jesus Christ! Simply Pray this Prayer Right Now! **"God thank you for Jesus Christ who died on the cross for my sins. Thank you for receiving what Jesus did for me on the cross as payment for my sins. Please forgive me for my sins. Right now I accept Jesus into my heart and ask that he become my Savior and Lord! Amen!"**

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. (Romans 10:9–10)

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Main Point II: POWER

- chains
- Engine
- Premium Fuel
- GPS

Main Point III: PRODUCTIVITY

- Life-Changing
- Immediate
- Measurable

Sermon Notes



The graphic features a dark blue background with purple wavy lines. At the top right is the St. John Baptist Church logo with the tagline 'LOVE GOD • LOVE PEOPLE • MAKE DISCIPLES'. The main title 'Running on Empty?' is in large white font, followed by the subtitle '3 Signs You're Not'. Below that is the scripture reference 'Acts 19:1-7'. On the right side, there is a portrait of Dr. Derrick E. Reaves, D.Min, Senior Pastor-Teacher, with his name and title listed below. At the bottom right, the date and time 'Dec 1st | 10:45 AM CDT' and the website 'www.stjohnbc.org' are displayed.

Acts 19:1–7 (ESV)

¹And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples.

²And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

³And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.”

⁴And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.”

⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

⁶And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

⁷There were about twelve men in all.

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Introduction

Just like a car needs _____ to run, our spiritual life needs the _____ to operate effectively.

Three Signs You're Not Running on Empty:

1. PARTNERSHIP: The Spirit Creates _____ Community

† When your spiritual tank is low, _____ is the first warning light.

† Spirit-led believers:

† Stay connected to their _____

† Form spiritual _____

† Demonstrate mutual _____ and _____

2. POWER: The Spirit Breaks Inner _____

Three signs of experiencing the Spirit's power:

† Your Spiritual _____ is Unleashed

† Your Faith Tank shows "_____ Only"

† Your Internal _____ is Recalibrated

3. PRODUCTIVITY: The Spirit Bears - Fruit

Evidence of a full spiritual tank includes:

† _____ Response in worship

† _____ Impact through witness

† Multiple evidence through the Fruit of the Spirit:

Love	Joy	Peace
Patience	Kindness	Goodness
Faithfulness	Gentleness	Self-control

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. Which of these three areas do I feel most "empty" in right now?
2. What specific changes do I need to make to stay "filled up" spiritually?
3. How can I better connect with other believers to maintain spiritual fullness?

COMMITMENT:

Today, I commit to:

KEY VERSE TO REMEMBER:

"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"
- Acts 19:2

NEXT STEPS:

- Join a small group this week
- Schedule daily time for prayer and Scripture
- Find an accountability partner
- Serve in a ministry area that matches your gifts

NOTES:

