

Coming to Grips with Our Power Shortage—Part 2

Series: Getting to Know God

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God's omnipotence means: God has unlimited power

Luke 18:27 (NLT) "What is impossible from a human perspective is possible with God."

THE EVIDENCE OF GOD'S POWER

Jesus displayed God's power.

A. over nature—Mark 4:35-41

B. over illness—Luke 5:12-13

C. over death—John 11:38-44

GOD'S POWER IN MY LIFE

Ephesians 1:19-20 (LB) I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead...

Two areas where God wants to give us His power:

A. The power of getting started

Romans 7:18 (Ph) ...I often find that I have the will to do good, but not the power.

Romans 7:18 (LB) ...No matter which way I turn I can't make myself do right. I want to but I can't.

GOOD NEWS: God can give us the power to perform.

Philippians 2:13 (Ph) For God is at work with you, giving you the will and the power to achieve His purpose.

B. The power to keep going

Psalms 6:2-3 (TEV) I am worn out, O Lord; have pity on me! Give me strength; I am completely exhausted and my whole being is deeply troubled...

GOOD NEWS: God can give the power to persist.

Isaiah 40:28-31 (TEV) ...the Lord is the everlasting God... He never grows tired or weary...He strengthens those who are weak and tired...those who trust in the Lord will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak.

HOW TO APPROPRIATE GOD'S POWER

A. Admit our lack of power

II Corinthians 12:9-10 (Ph) God said to me...Where there is weakness, my power is shown more completely. Therefore I have cheerfully made up my mind to be proud of my weaknesses, because they mean a deeper experience of Christ's power...For my weakness makes me strong in Him!

B. Believe in faith

Mark 9:23 (NLT) ... "Anything is possible if a person believes."

We should not limit God by our expectations of Him.

C. Act in faith

Immaturity is living by our feelings. Maturity is living by our commitments.

Joshua 3:13-16 (TEV) "When the priests who carry the Covenant Box of the Lord of all the earth put their feet in the water, the Jordan will stop flowing, and the water coming downstream will pile up in one place." ...the river was in flood...As soon as the priests stepped into the river, the water stopped flowing and piled up...and the people were able to cross over near Jericho.

We invite you to look over the verses in your sermon notes this week and ask and answer the following three questions (you are encouraged to get a notebook to record your thoughts):

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean?
3. What does the verse mean to me personally?