

## THE POWER SERIES 2025

- ❖ New testament Greek words for power:
  - Dunamis – God’s explosive Power, miracle working power – Acts 1:8; 2 Pet. 1:3; Eph. 1:17-23
  - Exousia – delegated power, authority – Mat. 28:18
  - Ischus – physical strength or inner fortitude – Mark 12:30; 1 Pet. 4:11
  - Kratos – dominion – Heb. 2:14; Rev. 5:13
- ❖ In this series, we will talk about the power God gives us to: Wait, Worship, Witness and Win

### The Power to Wait

- ❖ Wait: stay where one is or delay action until a particular time or until something else happens (Oxford Languages Dictionary)
- ❖ Waiting in the Lord comes with great promise – Psa. 27:14; Isa. 40:31
- ❖ We must be willing to wait to operate in the power God has promised – Acts 1:8
- ❖ The waiting cultivates and redefines our purpose – Acts 1:7
- ❖ The waiting allows us to draw closer to God and each other – Acts 1:14; 2:1
- ❖ The waiting builds our faith which is evident by our expectation – Heb. 11:1; Hab. 2:3; Psa. 37:7; Isa. 40:31; Lam. 3:25

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## The Power to Worship

- ❖ God has authorized worship – John 4:23-24; Psa. 95:6
- ❖ We have been given the ability to worship God – Psalm 95:6-7
  - We bow to the One who has enabled us to
  - We bow because we have a proper perspective on where the power comes from – vs. 7
- ❖ We have been given the responsibility to worship God – Psa. 29:2
- ❖ The responsibility is important because if we are not careful, we can become irresponsible with our worship, using the power He has given us to:
  - Worship others
  - Worship ourselves
  - This speaks to the danger of idolatry – Exo. 20:3-5; Psa. 81:9-10; 1 Cor. 10:14
    - Vs. 3: shall have (hayah: to become, exist, to come to pass) no other gods before God – no little g's, angels, judges, etc.  
➔ **What is becoming or has become a god to you?**
    - Vs. 4: What you spend the most time visualizing just may be your idol – Deut. 4:15-21; Psa. 115
      - No graven images of things in heaven or earth
- ❖ We must refuse to become the object of worship and must point all the glory to God
  - Whenever you make it about you, your worship is corrupt – Isa. 14:12-20
  - Paul and Barnabas pointed the worship to God – Acts 14:11-15
- ❖ Worship must be in submission to the Will of God
  - Worship is not “anything goes” – John 4:23-24, Heb. 12:28; Luke 4:8
  - Worship should be in alignment with God – 1 Chr. 16:29; Rev. 5:11-14
- ❖ True worship can't be faked – Mat. 15:9; Isa. 29:13; John 4:23-24; John 17:17; Mark 7:7
  - How are you presenting yourself? Rom. 12:1-2
- ❖ As we learn more of God, our worship of God should reflect it – Psa. 119:7
- ❖ My worship is indicative of how I value God – Psa. 29:2; Psa. 63:1; 1 Chr. 29:11; 1 Sam. 2:2

## **The Power to Witness**

- ❖ People are watching you more than you realize – Col. 4:5-6
  - We must be conscious of our witness at all times –
    - God also sees you – Pro. 15:3
    - Others take cues from you – 1 Cor. 8:9-13
- ❖ In order to be watched, you must be in position to be seen
  - God positions you to maximize your witness – Mat. 5:13-16
- ❖ You must ask yourself what are people seeing as they watch and observe you?
  - Notice Paul's words that is more than teaching but observation matters – Phil. 4:9
  - We should want them to see our good works and glorify God – Mat. 5:16
- ❖ Is what they are seeing the same as what you want them to see?
- ❖ You and I have a witness both to the saved and unsaved in the world – 1 Tim. 3:1-7
- ❖ Your witness has been empowered by God – Acts 22:12-16
- ❖ If you didn't have power, your witness wouldn't matter - 1 Cor. 5; Acts 25:13-26:19
- ❖ Our witness is not confined to one location but should grow – Acts 1:8
  - How can you reach more when you don't want to talk to folk?
  - Jerusalem – immediate surroundings, my family
  - Judea – region around Jerusalem, my neighbors
  - Samaria – area where people considered outsider, those outside your community and culture, even my enemies – John 4:9
  - Ends of the earth – the entire world
- ❖ It's in going that we accomplish the showing
  - We must refuse to accept the "let them come to me mindset" – Mat. 28:18-20
- ❖ Your witness requires action:
  - Be intentional
  - Be multidimensional
  - Be willing to go
  - Stay alert and seize opportunities
  - Go!

## **The Power to Win**

- ❖ With God, it's still possible to win – Luke 18:27
  - God goes before us to give us victory – Deut. 20:4
  - Victory is not a matter of your strength but God's – 2 Cor. 2: 14; Deut. 8:18
  - In God, we win in the end – 1 John 5:4-5; 1 Cor. 15:57
- ❖ There is a difference between a “win” and winning
  - A win: a single event or occasion
    - We can become stuck in past victory and assume it will always be that way
      - Can become undisciplined – 1 Cor. 9:24-27
      - Can become irreverent of the process it took to get there –
        - ◆ Now self help instead of submission and sacrifice
        - ◆ Now positions and offices instead of devotion, consecration and commitment
  - Winning: implies it's a process that is not completed, describes the idea of several wins – Phil. 3:12-16
- ❖ Do you really want to win?
  - Winning comes with greater responsibility – Luke 12:48
  - Are you willing to do what God says to realize victory – 2 Tim. 2:5
- ❖ In order to win, you still have to show up for the fight – Pro. 21:31; 2 Chr. 20:15-17
- ❖ Make sure you are fighting the right fight – Eph. 6:12
- ❖ Don't settle for temporary victories when God wants you to realize His power for ultimate victory – Rom. 8:11