

## POWER MUST BE OBTAINED

Luke 4:16-21

16And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21And he began to say unto them, **This day** is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

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Isa 10:27

27And it shall come to pass **in that day**, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

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He was asking these people to believe that the power to heal was present based upon his words alone.

Heb 11:1

11:1Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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WHY DOES THE CHURCH LOOK FOR EVIDENCE OF THINGS SEEN?

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR TO PROVE TO YOURSELF THAT THE HEALING POWER OF GOD IS PRESENT?

DOES YOUR HOUSE HAVE ELECTRICITY?

HEALING POWER DOESN'T MANIFEST BECAUSE YOU HAVE A NEED.

WET HAIR/BLOW DRYER/CRY ALL DAY

YOU HAVE TO CONNECT WITH THE POWER TO BENEFIT FROM IT.

FOR HEALING, POWER MUST BE OBTAINED

Luke 5:17-25

17And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and **the power of the Lord was present to heal them.**

18And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

20And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

23Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

24But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

25And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

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THOMAS WAS ONE WHO HAD TO SEE IT. A SENSE JUNKIE!

John 20:24-31

24But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

25The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

26And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

27Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

28And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

29Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

30And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

31But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.KJV

WHAT DO WE CALL THIS MAN STILL TODAY, AND ANYONE LIKE HIM?

DOUBTING THOMAS.

DOES DOUBT PLEASE GOD?

WHAT PLEASES GOD?

Heb 11:6

6But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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In the Synagouge and in the House where the man was let down by 4, DID THE PEOPLE IN THESE PLACES BELIEVE THE POWER OF THE LORD WAS PRESENT TO HEAL THEM? NO

WAS IT PRESENT? YES

IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT'S PRESENT, YOU WON'T BENEFIT FROM IT.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS FOR THE POWER TO BE PRESENT

- 1) THROUGH THE WORD
- 2) THROUGH THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Let's look at how the power of God is made present through the Word.

Mark 16:17 - Luke 1:1

17And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

19So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

20And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.KJV

Rom 10:13-15

13For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

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Hos 4:6

6My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:

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W/O PREACHING, CAN'T HEAR

W/O HEARING, CAN'T BELIEVE

W/O BELIEVING, CAN'T BE SAVED OR HEALED

NO WORD, NO POWER  
NO KNOWLEDGE, NO POWER

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Matt 14:25-32

25And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

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THE POWER TO WALK ON WATER BECAME PRESENT BY ONE WORD FROM JESSUS – “COME”.

ONE WORD CREATED FAITH IN PETER TO WALK ON WATER  
ONE WORD CREATED FAITH IN PETER TO OBEY

Rom 10:17

7So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

WHEN PETER BECAME AWARE THROUGH HIS NATURAL SENSES HE SANK  
(SAW THE WIND)

Matt 14:30

30But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.KJV

IF – BELIEVE BY FAITH THE POWER IS PRESENT = FAITH

IF – BELIEVE POWERS NOT THERE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE IT, TASTE IT,  
TOUCH IT, FEEL IT, HEAR IT = DOUBT/UNBELIEF

FAITH IS A BELIEF BASED UPON WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM THE WORD  
AND RECEIVED AS TRUTH.

DOUBT IS A BELIEF BASED UPON WHAT YOU'RE SENSES TELL YOU OR WHAT YOU'VE HEARD CONTRARY TO THE WORD.

JESUS ASKS US TO SIMPLY BELIEVE HIS WORD.  
THE VERY THING THAT MOVED PETER INTO DOUBT CEASED

Matt 14:32

32And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

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THE FEELINGS OF SICKNESS ARE LIKE THE WIND, THEY CEASE

Let's look at how the power is present through the Gifts of the Spirit.

1 Cor 12:7-11

7But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

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John 5:1-13

5:1After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

10The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

11He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

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Acts 3:1-16

3:1Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

3Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength.

8And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

10And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

12And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

13The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

14But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

15And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

16And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

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ONCE THE POWER IS PRESENT BY EITHER THE WORD OR THE GIFTS, IT CAN BE OBTAINED A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WAYS.