



## Power 3

It's very clear from the living scriptures, that there is a power that is fully available and needs to be operating within us, if we are going to be able to be all that God has, firstly, intended for us to BECOME and, secondly, what He has called us to be a part of.

One of the greatest mistakes or failures we make as His children, is to profess, proclaim or even agree, to a positional reality in Christ, but not have the corresponding actuality of that position. To be merely satisfied with verbal statements and verbal affirmations, but not have the corresponding actuality, is to be in a form of deception. God is existential, meaning he is the God of reality.

God is not content with the mere approval of a doctrine but He waits for the appropriation and the reality in our lives. This is to be the exact case when it comes to us living FROM God's power and not just saying it's there, but not having the reality of it being there.

To continue to say God's power is within us, because we have the Spirit in us, while lacking the reality of that power actually working or operating in us, is at the end of the day pointless. What would be the point of saying yes my house is full of 240 volts of power and yet continue to live my life, never accessing and coming into the life of that power.

It's one thing to say it's there, but it's an entirely different reality to live from the power being there. There being within us. It's as far away as North is from South. It's like reading a book all about Italy or going to live in Italy, experiencing the people, life, culture and country. The book gives you a factual knowledge about Italy, while going to live there gives you a living convictional knowledge of Italy, which you are tasting and experiencing. At the end of the day, they are not the same thing, they are not even close to being the same thing.

Let's have a look at Paul for our example of this power operating with him, because he is the one who said "Imitate me".

***Colossians 1:29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.***

The purpose Paul is referring to here is presenting every man complete in Christ. Three key questions to discuss from this verse in relation to power are...

1. What is Paul striving in accordance to?
2. The power is not dormant. What is this power doing?
3. Where is God's power operating?

One simple verse is saying so much.

### Questions for discussion

1. What does working "mightily" within him mean?
2. God's power is given for a multitude of purposes. What are they? Have someone write them down.
3. What does a life look like without His power mightily operating within it?



4. How did the disciples lives change after the outpouring of God's power upon them in Acts?
5. How do we believe our lives will change when we receive this same power?

### **Action Point**

As like last week lay hands on one another and pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon each member of the group.

As the leader don't be afraid of this or any manifestations of the Spirit that may come forth from this. People may start to speak in tongues or start to prophecy or give testimony to a fire going through them. Praise God and ask Him to pour out the promise of divine power upon every person including yourself.