



PILLAR 7

POWER

Many men have been to church but have not really experienced God's Power, so they are not interested. In 2 Peter 3:5, Peter says there are people and a form of religion that has no power and that we should stay away from these individuals. Basically, Peter is saying don't settle for religious activity or people that don't walk in God's Power. God has power waiting for us to experience changed lives and victory in our lives!

The cross exists because we have failed.

Anonymous

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THE SAME POWER THAT RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD LIVES IN HIS FOLLOWERS

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1.1 | When you are born again, God gives you the Holy Spirit to come and live inside you.

1.2 | The Holy Spirit gives us power to begin a spiritually alive life, leading to victory in a multitude of situations!

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. Romans 8:11

1.3 | When we repent of our sins and follow Jesus, we become part of God's Kingdom.

1.4 | So when we walk with God, we walk in His power!

1.5 | When we rely on our own strength, we are limited by our own weakness.

1.6 | Following Jesus is a choice that results in Him being our power source.



EXERCISE

What 3 areas of your life could you use more of God's Power right now?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

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THE PURPOSE OF POWER

2.1 | Men love power, so Satan fights to keep us from understanding God's power!

2.2 | Jesus doesn't want to just modify your behavior, He wants to revolutionize your life!

2.3 | It is through God's Power that we can build stronger marriages, conquer sinful habits, overcome life's trials and be great husbands and fathers.

2.4 | Growing as a disciple will help us transition from living in the power of the flesh and into living in the power of God.

2.5 | Many men have faith in Jesus as their Savior, but His strength is not running their lives!

2.6 | Sin or weak faith can short circuit a man's connection with the Holy Spirit as well as their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!



EXERCISE

What are 3 areas where you have already experienced God's Power?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

BREAKING THE CHAINS

3.1 | Many men, including "good" church going men are entangled in sins such as pornography, substance abuse and all kinds of sexual sin.

3.2 | Some are just looking for the next thrill while others are trying to medicate life's pain.

3.3 | If the Holy Spirit is strong enough to raise Jesus from the dead, He can break the grip of any sinful habit or lifestyle.

3.4 | Many men are still learning about the need to build a positive inner circle, while others are actively pursuing it.

3.5 | The more intentional you are about building a strong inner circle, the more likely you are to build a great legacy.



EXERCISE

Are there any areas or behaviors where you need God's Power to break the grip sin has on you?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

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THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES YOU INTO INCREASING TRUTH OVER TIME

4.1 | You don't need to worry if you don't know everything, God is still teaching you.

4.2 | The reality is that we can't handle everything God has for us at one time.

4.3 | The Holy Spirit is the master teacher who knows when we are ready to handle increasing truth in our lives.

4.4 | It is up to us to receive the truth, and in turn, God's Power in our lives.

4.5 | The more open and ready we are to hear and obey the truth, the more God will give us.

4.6 | How would your life look different if you were walking in God's Power in greater ways?



PAUSE

Are there examples of truth that you once rejected that you now receive?

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

THOUGHTSCRIPTUREDISCUSSION

ADDITIONAL STUDY VERSES

- Psalm 62:11
- Zechariah 4:6
- Matthew 6:13
- Mark 5:30
- Luke 24:49
- John 14:26; 16:12-13
- Acts 1:8; 4:33
- Romans 8:11, 31; 10:9
- 1 Corinthians 1:17; 2:4; 3:16; 4:20
- Ephesians 6:10
- Colossians 1:29
- 1 Thessalonians 1:5

POWER: 4 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO WALK IN GOD'S POWER IN GREATER WAYS

1) Read and Study God's Word

- a. Have a Bible translation that you like and understand i.e. NIV, NKJV
- b. Read your Bible on a daily basis
- c. Read through the Bible over time, start with a book, one of the gospels etc.
- d. Memorize scriptures to build your faith.

2) Have a Daily Quiet Time - this is the #1 thing you can do to build your faith

- a. Lock in the best time: _____
- b. Lock in the best place: _____
- c. What alternatives to this time and place do you have?
- d. Read the Bible
- e. Pray
- f. Think about/write about what you read and prayed

3) Focus on growing and not just modifying behaviors.

4) Get a coach to teach you about God, the Bible etc.

Who: _____