

The Power of the Holy Spirit

I trust that you are encouraged in the Lord as we see gradual returns to some of the freedoms we enjoyed prior to the pandemic. God has sustained us and will sustain us as we move forward. This week's lesson makes it clear that God wants to use us. We know that God is all powerful. We know that He can do all things. We also know that His power is available to those who believe.

In this week's lesson we see Peter and John operating in the power of the Holy Spirit they received on the Day of Pentecost. It is the power of the Holy Spirit that makes them speak and act boldly, and use the name of Jesus to heal the lame beggar who survived on the benevolence of others.

The beggar was born lame and unable to walk. He was over 40 years old when he received this miracle. (Acts 4:22) He asked Peter and John for money, but they saw a deeper need. It was a good thing for the man that they had no money, because they had to rely on the power of God to minister grace to him. Ephesians 3:20 says, "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20,21) Peter allowed the power of the Holy Spirit to work through him to heal the man. That's why he says in Acts 3:12,16, "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we have made this man walk? And His name (Jesus) through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."

As you review the materials with your children, let them know that God desires to use them. Let them know that the power of the Holy Spirit is available to them. They are God's representatives in the earth. (2 Corinthians 5:20) The Holy Spirit will let them know what to do, and how to minister to God's people at the point of their greatest need. Pray with them to receive the boldness found only in the Holy Spirit so they can be bold witnesses for Jesus. Let them know that with God, all things are possible! (Mt 19:26)

Abundant blessings,
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