

PURSUING OUR CAPACITY

A person is standing on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape of rolling hills and valleys. The scene is captured in a wide-angle shot, emphasizing the scale of the environment. The person is positioned in the lower center of the frame, providing a sense of scale to the vastness of the landscape. The lighting is soft, suggesting either dawn or dusk, with a hazy atmosphere that adds to the sense of vastness and contemplation.

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What Do We Think About Power?



John 10:18 NLT

¹⁸ “No one can take my life from me. **I sacrifice it voluntarily.** For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”



The Death of Christ

Philippians 2:6-11 NLT

⁶ Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷ Instead, **he gave up his divine privileges**; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸ **he humbled himself** in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore, **God elevated him to the place of highest honour and gave him the name above all other names,**

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father

The Resurrection of Christ

Ephesians 1:19-23 NLT

¹⁹ I also pray that you will **understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him**. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. ²¹ Now he is **far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come**. ²² **God has put all things under the authority of Christ** and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. ²³ And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

The Name of Jesus

John 16:23-24 KJV

²³ ...Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.²⁴ Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Mark 16:17-18 KJV

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

¹⁸ They 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

The Blood Of The Lamb

Revelation 12:10-11 NLT

¹⁰ ...the one who accuses them before our God day and night.

¹¹ And **they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb** and by their testimony.

“What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

There is power, power, wonder working power

In the blood of the Lamb;

O victory in Jesus, My Savior, forever.

He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood.”

Song by Robert Lowry

The Message Of The Cross

Romans 1:16 NIV

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because **it is the power of God that brings salvation** to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

1 Corinthians 1:18 NKJV

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, **but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

Righteousness

Ephesians 6:13-14 NKJV

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be **able to withstand in the evil day**, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having **put on the breastplate of righteousness...**

Proverbs 18:10 NKJV

¹⁰ The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The **righteous** run to it and are **safe**.

God Empowers Us!

Isaiah 40:29 NLT

²⁹ He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

Philippians 4:13 NLT

¹³ For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Ephesians 6:10 NLT

¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

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