The Power of God

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes…

Have you ever heard anyone ask the question: If God is all powerful can he create a rock that even he couldn’t move? my Answer: Why would he!

I believe the real question should be: is God’s Power limited? We find the answer in Jeremiah

Jeremiah 32:17 “‘Ah Lord GOD! Behold, thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and by Thine outstretched arm! **Nothing is too difficult for Thee’”**

In Matthew 19:26 Jesus tells us “**with God all things are possible.**”

The Bible tells us that God Spoke the entire universe In to existence

Psalm 33:8-9 Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the people of the world revere him. For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.

Throughout the Bible we see God’s Great power on display for all Mankind. To name just a few:

* God Created the world and everything in it (Genesis 1)
* He flooded the world (Genesis 6-9)
* He sent Plagues on the Israelites (Exodus 7)
* He divided the Red See (Exodus 14)
* Water flowed from a Rock ( Num 20)
* He made the Sun stand still (Joshua 10)
* He Defeated 135,000 men with 300 (Judges 7)
* He saved Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the Furnace (Daniel 3)
* He Save Daniel in the lion’s dean (Daniel 6)
* Through Jesus He did many miracles (Healed the sick, Walked on Water, calmed storms, raised the dead even himself) (Matthew)

**Question**: Do you believe God really did all these things?

I have heard people say that they believed God did all these miracles in the Bible but they don’t believe he does miracles in the lives of his people today.

Sometimes, our lives may appear contradictory to what we say we believe. We believe that God can do anything; that He is unique and no one can do what He can do. And yet the fact is that, as Christians, we live our lives defeated without ever seeing God’s power. Or if we do see it, we don’t recognize it or understand it. We call it luck or coincidence.

We can go to church and hear about God’s great power and love and know we should believe them, but feel that we have not seen it in our own lives. So, do we really believe that God's power is unique? That he works miracles in our current lives, Not just the lives of those in the Bible.

So why do we doubt God’s power in our own Life. We see the unlimited power of God throughout the Bible but for some reason we don’t trust him to take care of the simplest things in our lives much less the major things.

* 1 Corinthians 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
* 2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has granted to us **all things** that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence
* Philippians 4:13 I can do **all things** through him who strengthens me.

The amazing thing, as we look at all most of the miracles in the Bible , is that we find God’s power shining brightest during times of weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the **power of Christ** may rest upon me.

Isaiah 40:29 **He gives power** to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

We recognize God’s power in our failures and weakness so that we will know it was God that carried us through. That your faith would not rest in the wisdom of man but in the **power of God**. (1 Corinthians 2:5)

Where have you seen God’s power lately?

* I have seen God deliver me and my Brother through potentially life ending accidents.
* I have seen God help me over and over do things I never thought I could do
* I have seen him in my family doing amazing things
* I have seen him answer so many prayers

In the Job 38 God ask Job

“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.

* “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand.
* Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?
* “Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place
* “Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place, that it might take the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out of it? ….
* “Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades? Can you loosen Orion’s belt? Can you bring forth the constellations in their seasons?
* Do you know the laws of the heavens? Can you set up God’s dominion over the earth?

If you believe that God has the power to do all these great things why would you not trust him to do great things in, through and for you?

So, what is the secret to seeing God’s power move in your life?

1. Have faith in God and understand that in God all things are possible.

Hebrews 11:6 without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

James 1:5-6 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.6 But let him ask in faith …

Matthew 19:26 But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

1. Recognize God authority over everything in your life and everything in this world around you.

Psalms 55:22 Cast your burdens on the Lord and he will help you. He will not let you fail

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Submit yourself before God’s thrown)

1. Seek God's will for everything you do in life. Ask Him to show you what He is doing and what he wants you to do?" act in accordance with God and conform to his Word & will

Matthew 6:33 seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Philippians 4:19 My God will meet all your need according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus

John 15:7 If you abide in me and my word abides in you ask whatever you wish and it will be given

1. Put aside your own desires for His

Luke 9:23 (Jesus Said) And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

1. Take delight in the Lord and Humble yourself before him

Psalms 37:4-5,11 Take delight in the Lord and he will give you your heart’s desire. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. - But all who humble themselves before the Lord shall be given every blessing and shall have wonderful peace.

God has made it possible for you to know Him and [experience His Love and Power](https://www1.cbn.com/stepstopeace/index.aspx?intcmp=cta-bt-evan-1-amazing) in your life you just have to give him control and that isn’t always easy. As Humans we want to be in control.

Galatians 5:24 “And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh, with its passions and desires.”

I know that sounds hard! But when we commit our lives to Christ, and let Him take control, He not only reveals to us the things we should let go of, but He is with us every step of the way. You just have to invite him in to make the changes.

Matthew 28:20 “And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

It is when you invite him in that you will find the greatest miracle of all, that an almighty, all perfect and all-knowing God could love someone like me.

A life worth living is a life with Christ. After all, it is the life each of us was created and intended to live. There is nothing more fulfilling than living inside God’s will! Most people never see this because they are blinded by the enemy through Sin and they can’t see a clear way to God. You have to be willing to give up everything you want for everything Christ wants for you.

If you want, or “Need”, God’s power in your life let him take the reigns and be willing to open your heart to the changes He requires in your life and you will be amazed and never regret that decision.