

THE SPIRIT OF POWER AND AUTHORITY

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DAY 1 – FAITH IS THE CREATIVE POWER OF GOD

When was the beginning of God? We don't know. God has no beginning and no end. The Spirit of God was moving on the earth, but nothing happened until God spoke it.

- I. When was the beginning of God? We don't know.
 - Our guest this week is Professor Greg Stephens.
 - "In the beginning, God" (Genesis 1:1).
 - "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by The WORD of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Hebrews 11:3).
 - Here's the definition of faith: We must believe that He is and that He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6).
- II. The fossil record doesn't lie.
 - "In the beginning, the earth was without form and void" (Genesis 1:1-2).
 - There is a big space between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2.
 - There was a creation before this one. That's when the cavemen, the sabertoothed tigers and the dinosaurs lived.
 - The earth had been flooded before the Genesis account.
 - Everything God did and does is good.
 - Lucifer was created good, but iniquity was found in him. He invented it. He is the father of the lie. He was cast out and down.
 - God said, "Let there be light: and there was light."
 - o It wasn't sunlight. The sun was created four days later. God is talking about light energy.
 - Whatever God says is—is. Anything He speaks has to be and do what He says it does.
 - Light travels consistently 186,000 miles a second. It is constant because God said that's what it was, what it will do and will be.





- III. God has no beginning and no end. He is before time, after time and outside of time.
 - Time on the earth began on the fourth day when the sun was created.
 - We think of time as linear like a horizontal line.
 - The Jewish mind doesn't see prophecy as something that will happen in a certain time. It sees prophecy as patterns.
 - Some of God's plans are tied to a specific time or specific series of events.
 - o There is an angel that watches over time.
 - He watched to make sure Mary got to Bethlehem at the right time (Micah 5:2).
- IV. The Spirit of God was moving on the earth, but nothing happened until God spoke it.
 - Faith is the name of the creative power of God. It is a spiritual force.
 - o Faith produced 16,740,764,800 miles of universe the moment He spoke it.
 - This power created Adam. God breathed life into him. Adam became a living, speaking spirit like God.
 - Everything and all authority Adam received was by the creative power of God.
 - o The *El* Names of God have to do with His creative power.
 - o The Jehovah Names of God are His redemptive Names.
 - Jesus came in the fullness of the power of the Holy Spirit and gave that creative power to us.
 - Jesus said to the woman at the well, God is a spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. He is looking for those who will—referring to us (John 4:23).
 - The planet has ears. It can hear.
 - The fig tree heard Jesus and dried up (Mark 11:14, 20). Water heard Jesus and turned into wine (John 2:7-10). The storm heard Jesus and became calm (Mark 4:39). This mountain will hear and obey you (Mark 11:23).

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Have faith in the creative power of God. God created you and He knows how to help you physically, mentally, emotionally and every other way. It's up to you to believe He will do it, ask Him and receive.

Make this declaration:

God can do anything and He will take care of me. I need ______.

God has promised to use His creative power to help me. I receive it, now, in Jesus'
Name. Amen.





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DAY 2 – GOD'S POWER AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The introduction of the Spirit of Power is found in the beginning of God's WORD. Jesus, through the Spirit of God, gave a commandment to the disciples. The Hebrew Name *Yeshua* is translated into English as *Jesus* or *Joshua* and means "security and salvation." We've been given the Holy Spirit, who resides in us.

- I. The introduction of the Spirit of Power is found in the beginning of God's WORD.
 - The Spirit of God moved... (Genesis 1:1-2).
 - Our covenant is the Eden covenant (Isaiah 51:1-3).
 - o The moment you were born again, you were put in fellowship with God just as newly created Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden.
 - God introduced matter with the words of His mouth.
 - If things are not working like you want in your life, take a look at your words.
- II. Jesus, through the Spirit of God, gave a commandment to the disciples (Acts 1:2).
 - Jesus said they were not to do anything until they received power (Acts 1:8).
 - Don't try to work the works of God without power.
 - When the Spirit comes on you, you shall receive *dunamis*—power.
 - Positive confession, that is watching your words, is without power until you understand whose you are and your covenant rights.
 - o In other words, faith hasn't yet come. Faith comes by hearing and hearing and hearing (Romans 10:17).
 - The Jews tried to live in their own power through the Law and it didn't work.
- III. The Hebrew Name *Yeshua* is translated into English as *Jesus* or *Joshua* and means "security and salvation."
 - In the Old Testament, Joshua was a type of the Messiah. He led the children of Israel into their Promised Land.
 - Jesus leads us into the kingdom of God.





- Moses was disturbed that God was not going to be with them through the wilderness (Exodus 23:20, 23).
 - o God assured Moses that He would send His angel to be with them.
 - God said the angel will BLESS your food and water, and The LORD will take sickness away from your midst (Exodus 23:25).
- That angel is still alive. He still has the same job. God's Name is in him. We don't know his size, but he's probably huge.
- IV. We've been given the Holy Spirit, who resides in us.
 - Is there a difference between power and authority?
 - Authority is the channel that power operates in. You can't have one without the other.
 - For example: The power is generated at the power plant. The wire to your house is the channel the power comes through.
 - God's power is demonstrated in believers as they use their authority (Ephesians 1:19).
 - We have been given delegated power.
 - The power of God moves in you by the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. He lives in you and He will make your mortal body alive (Romans 8:11).
 - The power of God has been revealed to those who believe the report of The LORD about salvation and the Holy Spirit.

We aren't always aware of the strength of God's power. He is not a man with limitations; He

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is God. There is nothing too hard for Him. His power is available to you.
Write down what you need God's power to do—believe it's done and thank Him!





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DAY 3 – THE SPIRIT OF POWER BRINGS LIFE

God said, "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins." Today is your receiving day. You are starting fresh today. Hell was created for the devil and his angels. Jesus had to go there to pay for man's sin. Paul identified with Jesus Christ.

- I. God said, "I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins" (Isaiah 43:25).
 - Brother Copeland said, "LORD, You blot out my transgression for my sake. It's a benefit to me."
 - The LORD said, No, I did it for My sake. I will not remember your sins
 - Kenneth said, "I don't understand."
 - God said, Do you want to remember bad things about your children? Neither do I. If I remember your sins, I can't BLESS you. Start with a blank sheet. What do you want Me to remember? (Isaiah 43:26).
 - Our sins are blotted out through the blood of Jesus.
 - Plead your case before God; you are justified by the blood of Jesus (Revelation 12:11).
 - You literally have thrown every covenant God made right in the devil's face.
- II. Today is your receiving day. You are starting fresh today.
 - You are one day closer to the return of Jesus.
 - We are in the Eden covenant.
 - God made the Garden of Eden; Adam was the steward of it.
 - We are stewards of our position in the place He has placed us. We protect our place in God by what we say.
 - That's how God made Eden. That's how Adam operated in Eden.
 - God asked Brother Copeland, *What is the greatest expression of My power?*
 - o Brother Copeland answered, "Creation."
 - o The LORD replied, *No, that was easy because I had no one against me.*
 - When God created the universe, He didn't use all of His power.





- He used more of His power when He raised Jesus from the dead.
 - All of hell was against God raising Jesus. Even God's own people were speaking against Him. He had to do it even though forces were against Him.
 - The LORD said, You still don't have a concept of what it was like for My own Son to go to hell. Jesus had to believe that I could get Him out of there because no one else had gotten out of there.
- III. Hell was created for the devil and his angels. Jesus had to go to hell to pay for man's sin.
 - Abraham was willing to sacrifice his own son because of his covenant with God.
 - If God's covenant partner was willing to sacrifice his son, God was committed to do it, too.
 - Abraham offered his son by faith, and he received Isaac raised from the dead in a figure. He saw it in his spirit.
 - Abraham knew because of God's promise that he was the father of many nations, and he needed his son alive to do it. He fully intended to see Isaac raised up from the ashes.
 - God knew the day was coming that He would have to sacrifice His Son.
- IV. Paul identified with Jesus Christ.
 - Paul considered himself to have died, been buried and resurrected with Jesus (Philippians 3:10).
 - Paul counted all of his education and experience as trash, so that he could be found in Christ, not having his own righteousness which is of the Law.
 - We are to resist everything that Jesus paid for on the cross: sin, sickness, disease and poverty; with all the faith we have.

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Did you know you can have a relationship with God written on a clean slate? No baggage from previous mistakes? No shame or condemnation? Let your relationship with The LORD be based on Isaiah 43:25 that says your sins are blotted out and removed. It's a new day!

It's up to you to receive forgiveness. God has done His part. Repent and be cleansed from the past. Open your eyes to the bright future God has for you.

Pray with us:

"Heavenly Father, I come to You according to 1 John 1:9. I repent from all my sin. Now cleanse my heart and conscience from the remembrance of the past. I look to You for my bright future. Your Love forgives me and Your power cleanses me. I depend on You to lead me every day. Thank You, Sir. I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen."





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DAY 4 - BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF POWER

God's timetable is perfect. You can do all things through Christ—if you will get rid of confidence in your flesh. The WORD of God is a two-edged sword. This book of covenants is holy. It is a holy Bible. It is The WORD of God.

- I. God's timetable is perfect.
 - Jesus was the Lamb of God who was crucified on the Jewish feast of Passover.
 - o The day after Passover was the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
 - o Then the Feast of Firstfruits was on Sunday, the day Jesus rose from the dead.
 - Jesus was the firstborn from the dead. He is no longer the only begotten Son of God.
 - He rose from the dead to bring many sons to glory—including us. We have firstborn status.
- II. You can do all things through Christ—if you will get rid of confidence in your flesh (Philippians 4:13, 3:7-8).
 - Let your confidence be by faith in the power and authority of God. It's unlimited.
 - As believers, our power and authority are in the Name of Jesus.
 - What strength is behind the Name of Jesus!
 - Jesus inherited His Name, the Name was conferred upon Him, and He got the Name by conquest—He conquered the devil in hell.
 - Jesus was made to be sin so we could be made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- III. The WORD of God is a two-edged sword. One edge is life, the other is death (Hebrews 4:12).
 - We speak life and healing; we speak death to the enemy, the devil. There are times we pray and other times we rebuke.
 - o Jesus rebuked the fig tree (Mark 11:13-14).
 - o Jesus rebuked the fever in Peter's mother-in-law (Luke 4:39).
 - o Jesus rebuked an unclean spirit (Mark 1:23-26).





- We have the power to speak life; we have the power to rebuke.
- Jesus gave us that authority. We are told to speak to the mountain, "Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea" (Mark 11:23).
- We enforce God's will.
- IV. This book of covenants is holy. It is a holy Bible. It is The WORD of God.
 - The WORD of God itself will preach (Galatians 3:8).
 - When you speak God's WORD in faith, it's as if God is saying it.

MAKE IT PERSONAL

You can do all things through faith in Jesus Christ. Let go of your confidence in your own abilities, training and experiences. Call on The LORD to be your strength. The power of God through you will make all things possible.

hink of some things you believe you are supposed to change. Now, write a prayer to equest God to help you, including thanks to Him for all He does for you. The final step is to
sten for the instructions the Holy Spirit will give you. Believe God! You win!





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DAY 5 – THE SPIRIT OF POWER UPON YOU

In the earth, Jesus was the Son of God Anointed with the Spirit of Power. There was a spiritual transference of power from Elijah to Elisha. Adam sinned, hid from The LORD, and made clothes for himself out of fig leaves. When people questioned Jesus' authority, He answered by pointing them back to when He was baptized in the Holy Spirit. People were astonished at Jesus' doctrine, for His WORD was powerful.

- I. In the earth, Jesus was the Son of God Anointed with the Spirit of Power.
 - Jesus came to be baptized by John. John saw the Spirit of God descending on Jesus like a dove (Luke 3:21-22).
 - o Jesus was born of the Spirit, and now was Anointed with the Spirit.
 - Jesus went to the synagogue in Nazareth on the Sabbath. He began to read. "The Spirit of The LORD is upon Me; for He has Anointed Me..." (Isaiah 61:1-3).
 - Jesus was Anointed to preach; heal; deliver; heal the blind and bruised; and preach the acceptable year of The LORD which is the Jubilee, debt-canceling year.
 - Brother Oral Roberts preached a powerful sermon on this scripture. Jesus preached to the sick, "You don't have to be sick anymore; blind man, you don't have to be blind anymore; you who are captive to addictions, you don't have to be anymore."
- II. There was a spiritual transference of power from Elijah to Elisha.
 - Jesus transferred the power of the Holy Spirit to us.
 - We must speak God's WORD. Rebuke the works of the devil.
 - Jesus rebuked the disciples for not believing He was risen from the dead.
 - He told them to rebuke the works of the devil (Mark 16:14-18).
- III. Adam sinned, hid from The LORD, and made clothes for himself out of fig leaves.
 - Jesus cursed the fig tree; He cursed the works of sin and rebuked man for covering sin.
 - Jesus took this opportunity to teach how the invisible force of faith works and how powerful it is.





- He moved from the example of the fig tree to the truth of the power that's in your words and your belief.
- Jesus said, "Have the faith of God." Whosoever shall say and believe will receive.
 - o Be removed and be cast into the sea, don't doubt, and believe.
- Stay in God's WORD until faith comes.
- When you pray, believe and forgive. "Forgive us as we forgive" (Matthew 6:12).
 - o Your prayers won't work if you haven't forgiven.
- IV. When people questioned Jesus' authority, He answered by pointing them back to when He was baptized in the Holy Spirit.
 - Jesus got the Anointing of power of the Spirit when He was baptized and the Spirit descended on Him.
 - Christ, the Anointing, in me is my hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).
 - Mac Hammond said, "When I lay hands on someone who is sick, I go back to 'Christ in me the hope of glory.' The Healer is in me."
 - Oral Roberts ministered to a lady who had partial paralysis. He told her, "Christ is right here, and He is telling me to lay hands on you." He did lay hands on her and she was completely healed. The picture helped her see that Jesus was healing her.
- V. People were astonished at Jesus' doctrine, for His WORD was powerful (Luke 4:32-35). He rebuked an evil spirit from a man.
 - Jesus cast out evil spirits with His WORD (Matthew 8:16). He spoke it.
 - Brother Kenneth E. Hagin said, "Whatever you say is your faith speaking."
 - Believe it and say it. The ability to believe comes from the human heart.
 - "I'm redeemed from the curse of the law" (Galatians 3:13; Psalm 107:1-2, 20). You must say it to receive it.

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The Spirit of God lives in every believer's spirit. He wants to give you power to make changes in your life. As you study God's WORD, open your heart to hear the Spirit guide you. Please share your testimonies with us by <u>clicking here</u>, or <u>contact us on Facebook</u>TM.

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