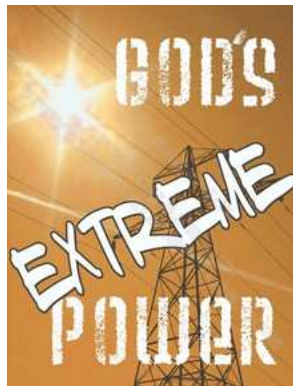




## **ACTS** **THE GREAT ADVENTURE** **~SUPERNATURAL~**

### **How Many Times?**

How many times in your life have you doubted the power of God showing in your life? How many times have you said that this is a problem that even God cannot take care of? How many times have you remained discouraged because it did not seem that the power of the most high God was shining through you life?



### Power for Salvation/Redemption/Healing/Forgiveness

*Philippians 3:8* <sup>8</sup>yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. <sup>10</sup> **I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead.**

Pastor Rob: "Paul mentions above the things he used to place his faith in: his birth, his largely successful struggle for righteousness through ritual then counts them all as garbage compared to knowing the power of the resurrection."

We need to be praying and allowing the Lord to live through us, because we know that it should not be us living but the One that saved us that is governing our lives. It is only when we allow Christ to take control of our life that the real power of God will be manifested through us, and if you think about it, it will not be our power at all. This power will simply be that of God that is in the hand of Jesus Christ, the one that is living in us and showing through to those around us.

It is pure and simple logic that all that we have to do is trust in the Lord enough to let Christ have control, and He will do the rest. It is Christ in us that enables our heart to forgive when our head says not to. It is Christ in us that brings healing to relationships strained by long-standing hurt.

**It is Christ in us that saves us from ourselves.**

What do your powerless moments look like? How do you get through those moments?

#### Power to Overcome Past Sins/Patterns/Self-Destructive Behaviors

*Romans 8:10-12* <sup>10</sup> *And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God.* <sup>11</sup> ***The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you.*** *And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.* <sup>12</sup> *Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do.*

Do you believe the power of Christ within you will protect you from sinful patterns and destructive behavior? Has that faith rescued you from it?

1 Corinthians 6:14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also.

#### Power to Live As We Should

Philippians 2:13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and **the power** to do what pleases him.

*Philippians 4:13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*

In Philippians 2:13 Paul explains this is how we can work hard to prove our salvation, to live as we should through the power He provides to even "want" to do the right thing. Likewise, in Philippians 4:13 he again affirms that we can live as we should, in feast or famine, good times or bad through Jesus Christ within us.

So Christ dies on the cross for our sins and when He went into heaven, He took His place at the right hand of God, and now two thousand years later, we were saved by His grace.

So, if we look at it this way, we have complete power in us through Jesus Christ. That's not to say that man is inherently good or that every one of us is a little bit god. No, what it means is that when we are saved and when we start allowing Jesus Christ to rule in our life, the way we should let Him we have the complete power of God working in us, the same power that raised Christ from the dead is the same power that is working in us. This is great news! All that we need to do is to submit, surrender and sync ourselves with that mighty hand of the One that created us and saved us from eternal damnation. Let's live through the power of God and resist being weak Christians that cannot do anything for the Lord.

*Ephesians 2:6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,*

## BRINGING IT HOME

What other proof do we need to realize that a God that is this great is more than capable to take care of you and me and allow Himself to be manifested in our life? “Christ in me.” What comfort in those words! Anyone into physical fitness knows that a strong abdomen (a strong midsection) is crucial to avoiding back problems. Strengthening of the “core muscles” gives us the ability to stand for long periods and allows us to carry heavier loads lessening the risk of strain and pain associated with patterns of abuse and bad posture. Spiritually Christ is our “Core” support, our spiritual midsection that is central to our being. Christ is the Power within us that saves us from repeated patterns of sin and self-destructive behavior that inhibit our sanctification. We strengthen our spiritual core by exercise...by being in the word, by treating each other right, by seeing others the way Jesus sees them and by wrapping it all up nicely in love and kindness, His light shining through you, a beacon in the darkness of a cold world that needs saving.

