

The Searching | Power (Week 2) | 6.7.26

Key Outcomes

Pastor taught on **operating in spiritual power** through the Holy Spirit, emphasizing that believers must move beyond reactive faith to proactive authority. The church is challenged to **evangelize daily** (one person per day for seven days) and to eliminate "churchism" (religious clichés without action). 1 2 3

Teaching: Ascending to the Mountain of the Lord

Core principle: When struggling with human nature (anger, pride, disobedience), believers are not spending enough time in God's presence. At the mountain of the Lord, only God's characteristics exist—no human nature. 4 5

- **Indicator of spiritual health:** If flesh is operating strongly, it signals need to return to God's presence (the "manufacturer") 5 6
- **Prayer against disobedience:** Replace stony hearts with hearts of flesh; address spiritual hindrances while recognizing disobedience is ultimately a choice 2
- **Expectation pulls on anointing:** Coming to church expecting to receive something causes speakers to tap deeper into the Holy Spirit 7

Three Dimensions of Power (Greek Terms)

1. Dunamis (D-U-N-A-M-I-S): 8 9

- Miraculous strength, ability, and dynamic power
- Root of English word "dynamite"
- Enables believers to complete tasks God assigns
- Reference: Acts 1:8 - receiving power when Holy Spirit comes 8

2. Exousia (E-X-O-U-S-I-A): 10

- Authority, jurisdiction, legal right to act
- The "license to operate" in power
- Reference: Matthew 28:18 - all authority given to Jesus 10

3. Kratos (K-R-A-T-O-S): 10 11

- Manifest strength, dominion, governing power
- Supreme authority of a reigning King backing believers
- Reference: Ephesians 1:19 - exceeding greatness of His power 11

Key distinction: These are different angles of the same reality—the Holy Spirit's power operating through believers. 11 12

What Power Enables Believers to Do

1. Witness and evangelize: 3 8

- Primary purpose: restore lives to the Creator and add to the church
- Acts 1:8 - power makes witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of earth 8

2. Overcome through strength: 13

- 2 Corinthians 12:9 - God's power perfected in weakness 13
- Ephesians 3:20 - able to do above and beyond according to power working within 13

3. Operate in boldness and authority: 14 15

- 2 Timothy 1:7 - spirit of power, love, and sound judgment (not fear) 14
- Power enables proactive response rather than reactive behavior 15

4. Share the gospel message: 15 16

- Romans 1:16 - gospel is the power of God for salvation 15

Foundation: Power Connected to Faith

Cannot operate in power without believing: 17 18

- God is who He says He is

- God fulfills His Word
- What God says is final

Worry and anxiety = believing God is a liar: 18 19

- If Scripture promises something, anything contradicting it treats truth as lie
- Same faith that saves should empower believers to speak to finances, rebuke demons, stop rain, hear Holy Spirit over AI/Google 19

The blood of Jesus opens the door: 20

- Blood provides access to operate in power and authority
- Without Calvary, no power operation possible 20 21

Decisions Made

Weekly evangelism challenge: Every person must intentionally share Jesus with at least one person daily—seven people by next Sunday through conversation, text, call, or prayer that points to Jesus. 3

Cultural shift directive: Church will no longer accommodate spiritual weakness; focus on building spiritually mature, aggressive kingdom advancers who refuse enemy ground. 22 23

"Churchism" elimination: Stop using religious clichés like "let me pray about it" as cop-outs; develop spiritual maturity to hear God's answer quickly. 21 24

Pending Confirmation

Prayer requests raised: 1

- Healing needs
- Addressing disobedience issues

Application timeline: Pastor projects significant ministry culture change within 2-3 months if principles are consistently applied—including obtaining buildings and experiencing freedom. 25

Teaching on Spiritual Maturity

Meekness vs. weakness: 26 27

- Meekness is power under control
- Jesus could have called legions of angels but chose restraint
- Not using physical power doesn't indicate weakness

Most effective power use: Prayer: 27

- Receive instructions and directions in prayer
- Can pray in Holy Ghost during sleep
- God uses vessels even when unconscious 28

Holiness requirement: 25

- Must live holy to operate in power without hindrance
- Disobedience (including delayed obedience) blocks what should be happening 29
- Men leading families are accountable for feeding into disobedience 29

Enemy awareness: 30

- Enemy has agenda planned each morning before believers wake
- Must decide which plan to follow: enemy's or God's
- Falling into traps = agreeing with enemy's agenda 30

Scriptural Foundation

Isaiah 2: Mountain of the Lord established in last days; nations streaming to learn His ways (millennium reign prophecy) 31

Psalms reference: Who can ascend to mountain of the Lord? Those with clean hands and pure hearts. 31 32

Isaiah 55:11: God's word cannot return void until it accomplishes its purpose—"God said it, that settles it." 33

All power is delegated and intended to be used: Gifts are leased for earthly ministry, return to maker in heaven (no need for pastor, prophet, evangelist roles there). 16

Church Culture & Announcements

Pastor's leadership philosophy: 22 23

- "Not building weak soldiers" or imparting into "wimps"
- Following Paul's model of making strong disciples
- Extra sensitivity must be grown out of; teaching provided for those who need help

Gratitude expressed: 34 35

- Thanks to congregation for supporting Joe's "Fit by Faith" initiative
- Appreciation for church culture: not boring or stiff, genuinely happy to see each other
- Acknowledgment of faithful givers

Online/in-person attendance: Encouraged not to neglect gathering (Scripture reference); giving information available on app and webpage. 35

Action Items

- **All members:** Evangelize to at least one person daily this week (seven total by next Sunday) 3
- **All members:** Review Greek power terms (Dunamis, Exousia, Kratos) and associated scriptures for deeper study 9 10 11
- **All members:** Apply "ascending to mountain of the Lord" principle when experiencing strong fleshly emotions 6 36