

## 1-17-2024 – More in 2024 – Part 2

Our new study: What we truly need are **More of these 4 in 2024**.

Each week, we'll be looking at the **4 Ps** you need **more of in 2024**.

**(Person. Power. Peace. Passion/Purpose.)**

**Jude 1:25** – [God's Word Trans.] – “Before time began, now, and for eternity glory, majesty, power, and authority belong to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

- To access this power, you **have to first know Jesus**.
  - **Phil. 4:19** – “And my God will supply all your needs according to *His riches* in glory in Christ Jesus.”
    - **One need** we have is for **Power**.
    - We were created w/ **limits & imperfections**.
  
- **Need power?** Trying to **make your way** in world? Beat down the bushes.
  - “I will make a way in the wilderness” – **Is. 43:19** wild/impenetrable
  - “I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars.” **Is. 45:2**
  
- We can live w/o wearing ourselves out. God is making a way.
  - **Ex:** Felt the need to do gardening on Sunday. Always difficult.
    - God's power makes our lives more productive. Less effort.
  - Joshua's first battle in conquest of Canaan: Jericho.
    - March around city 1 ea day, 6 days. 7 priests played trumpets.
    - 7<sup>th</sup> day – march 7x, blow horns. Long blast/shout. Walls down.
      - What walls u trying to bring down? Need His **Power**.
  
- Maybe it seems like you're being held back... rivers you can't cross?
  - **Joshua 3-4**. Priests/ark – middle of Jordan. Crossed on dry ground.
    - “He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the LORD's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the LORD your God forever.” – **Joshua 4:24**
    - God's power makes a way when it looks impossible.
      - He stands in the river so we can cross. **No limits!**

You **got battles** in your life? You need Jesus... Need his **Power**.

- David fought the Philistine champion Goliath. Stone.
  - o In the natural, stone is too small. Insignificant.
  - o God magnifies our efforts. **Stone shows us... it was God.**
    - Don't look at the size of your giant, but the **size of your God.**
- Gideon lived during a difficult time for Israel. Midianites rule (Judges 6)
  - o Angel of God came to him... "God is w/ you valiant warrior."
  - o He didn't feel valiant ... Felt like a victim.
  - o "My family is the least in Manasseh, I am the youngest" – Jug. 6:15
  - o He had doubts & questions... God w/us? Why? Where / miracles?
    - He has "abandoned us & handed us over to Midian"
  - o Know: "I will be with you." God's power flows thru us. Vessels!
  - o "Then the Spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon with power. He blew a ram's horn as a call to arms" **Judg. 6:34** leader b/c of God's power
  - o Gideon goes to battle greatly outnumbered. Why? Not their power.
    - 300 men/3 units. Blew horn. Broke pitchers. Enemy fled. Killed themselves. Remainder of his life, Gideon lived in peace. 40 yrs
  - o God's power led Gideon ... gave victory ... gave peace.
- Finally – remember Paul & Silas. Jail. Chains. Midnight. Freedom.
  - o God knows how to break your chains. Shake foundations for you.

What are you trying to do on your own? Lead? Battle? Take down giant?  
You need Jesus. And you **need His Power**.

- God knows how to **clothe us with His power**. Takes willing heart.  
Living to please God. Doing it His way.
  - o Blowing horns doesn't make sense to us... getting small stones... but those acts of obedience show **trust**.
  - o Trust God for His power to take down the giants in your life.
  - o Trust Him to break your chains... freedom. **Call/His power.**

**Song of the week: There Is Power in the Name of Jesus**