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Go and make disciples!

E-Devotional 4

Ephesians 1:19-20 (ESV),

and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

Personally, I think with all that has been learned so far, that this passage is by far the pinnacle of the empowered prayer plan. There has been a lot talked about in these few short readings. But nevertheless, there is a lot to take in and to let soak into our spirits.

But in this next passage, we see a very clear request that the church would know the exceeding greatness of God's power that He has given to all. This is in accordance, I believe, with something that Peter wrote in 2 Peter 1:3 where he said, "By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence." I say this because of the similarities between Paul's writings and Peter's on the divine power of God for us. This power is so incredible, that it has literally raised Christ Jesus from the dead. It is so mind-boggling to think that God wants us to live by this same power. But yet it is so true. I ask only this, are you truly walking in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ in your daily life through faith?

When I read this prayer and many more like it, I can't help but think, wow, this is a reality, that God has literally given me everything I need to live a life of holiness and godliness through His very power that rose Jesus from the dead. The question is since this power is so great, are you fully utilizing its full potential in your life?

Remember, this power is to be realized, prayed for, and simply received by faith. The Apostle Paul prayed this very specific prayer for the church at Ephesus because he knew it was only by God's power that they could truly be effective. And if Paul prayed it, I am sure he fully intended with love and faith that it would also be answered. I don't see the Apostle Paul as one who prayed vain prayers

that received no answers. Because of this, let us today also believe that everything in this prayer is not only possible but definite. With that in mind, let us consider, as the Scriptures say in Hebrews 10:24 "how to stir up one another to love and good works." God bless!

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