

# **The Breaker**

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Have you ever plugged something into an outlet and was disappointed to see that what you've attached to it was not receiving the expected power you were looking for? I have done this way too many times. I know the power is there, but something was blocking it.

The Old Testament was full of that intimate connection to our power source until a mediator was needed to fill the gap created by man. When the Son of God took on Human flesh in the New Testament, He became that circuit breaker we needed to regain connection to God's power in our lives. The earth, our home, now contained sin. Switches, circuit breakers, and bypasses were needed to override the loss of connectivity that sin created. In the Old Testament, that came in the form of sacrifices and offerings. In the New Testament, it is simply through Jesus.

We often think we can rely on other sources for energy, or quick pick-me-ups, but the truth is, God's power is pure, unending, and all that we need for everything in our lives. When we feel drained, worn out, failed, disappointed, and so on... we need to check the connection to our power source and make sure that our actions didn't trip the circuit breaker into a position that blocks our access to God. In short, did we turn away from God? That is when we go searching for the source of the issue, repent, and reposition ourselves to be vessels for God's outpouring. The outpouring of God in our lives is now given to us through Jesus. We see an example of this during Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman. "Jesus answered and said to her, 'if you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.'" John 4:10 KJV Before her encounter she was an outcast of her community and sought to avoid others as a result of having multiple partners that were not her husband. After her encounter with Jesus, she ran to the crowds to share with them about the Messiah. Jesus offered her living waters and she asked to receive it. She turned to the source of power that restored her and left there connected, revived, and renewed.

When we're trying to overcome the darkness in our lives, remember who to call on instead of attempting to create your own oil for light. We cannot daisy-chain our relationship with God through the experiences and lives of others. We need our own real direct personal and intimate relationship with the Savior. If we look at Acts 19, we see that secondary relationships are ineffective when fighting off the evils of this world. The Jewish exorcists attempted to rid multiple demons off a man, citing, "the Jesus that

Paul knew". They had no personal connection or relationship with Jesus. "And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" (Acts 19:15)

Today, and everyday forward, check your power source. Confirm your circuit breaker (the status of your heart) is in the right position. If you're unsure of what that position looks like, assume the position of humility. Humble yourselves before the Lord. Prostrate yourselves and pray. There you will begin to empty yourself and allow the Lord to restore you as you allow your relationship with God to be straightened, un-diverted and undiluted. Call on the Lord. He will meet you right where you are and reconnect you to the Father.

