

POWERLESS TO POWERFUL

Psalm 147:5 (NIV) *Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.*
Jeremiah 32:17 (NIV) *Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.*

HOW we can unleash God's power when we feel powerless?

Hebrews 1:3 (NIV) *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word...he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven*

STORY 1: JESUS CALMS THE STORM

Mark 4:35 (NIV) *That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.*

³⁷ *A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.*

³⁸ *Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"*

³⁹ *He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"*

1). Discovering God's Perspective.

STORY 2: JESUS SENDS DEMONS INTO PIGS

Mark 5:6 (NIV) *When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷ He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!"*

¹³ He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

¹⁷ Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

2). Accepting God's Authority.

¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." ²⁰ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

STORY 3: BLEEDING WOMAN/JAIRUS DAUGHTER

²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. ³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

⁴⁰ But they laughed at him. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!").

3). Taking a Faith Step.