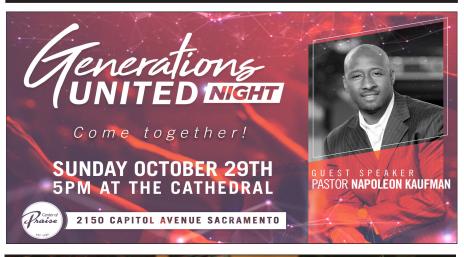
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WEEK 11: Pretending or Powerful?

Acts 19:11-20

Octrober 21-22, 2017 Pastor Joseph Sissac

### **EXTRAORDINARY MIRACLES**

While in Ephesus, "God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul" and any lives were being changed for the glory of God. In many cities there were Jewish exorcists, also known as vagabond Jews, who used to travel from city to city invoking spells and incantations, supposedly expelling demons. It never worked. But the enemy has no problem **performing** in the dark to keep people from coming to the light.

### **NO RELATIONSHIP, NO POWER**

Acts 19:13-20 tells us of seven Jewish exorcists who attempted to use the name of Jesus as a spell, specifically naming Paul as one who demonstrated success with this method. In this case the demonic spirit replied, "I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" Then, one versus seven, the powerless pretenders were subdued, overpowered, stripped naked and beat down by the demonic spirit! There are two primary reasons why their efforts failed:

- 1. WHAT THE ENEMY KNEW:
  - -The enemy recognized Jesus as "Son of God" (Mt. 8:29) and "the Holy One of God" (Lk. 4:34).
  - -The enemy knew the apostle Paul and others like him as "bond-servants of the Most High God" (Acts 16:17).
  - -The expansion of divine authority. (Mt. 28:18-19).
- 2. WHAT THE PRETENDERS DIDN'T KNOW
  - -The power by which the Apostle Paul operated wasn't simply a result of using the name of Jesus as

a spell. As we have been learning, the ACTivation in the book of Acts is primarily a work of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the miraculous power witnessed through Paul, comes from an intimate **relationship** with the Person from whom the power comes, the Holy Spirit. Because they had the Name with no relationship, they were pretenders with no **power**.

### **ACTIVATED TO KNOW HIM**

As believers the first and most important aspect of our ACTivation is a deeper walk of intimacy and **revelation** of the Lord. Performing miracles is not above knowing Him. but it's through **KNOWING HIM** that all other outcomes (salvation,healing, deliverance, etc.) are made manifest.

### FactorPoints

**He's Here - WORSHIP** the Lord for sending the fullness of the Person of Holy Spirit enabling us to become true worshipers who worship in spirit and truth.

**He Knows - LEARN** of the many example outcomes in the book of Acts that are a direct result of the intimate relationship with the Lord.

**He's Able - SERVE** by being led by the Holy Spirit and a heart to bring glory and honor to God. Not for the accolades and applause of people.

#### **WEEK 11 READING: ACTS 19-21**

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