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WITH PASTOR DELMAN



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POWER
BACK**

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INTRODUCTION

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Whether in the natural or in the spiritual realm, when there is no power, it affects you. It affects you, your family, your relationships, and everything around you. The patriarch Abram had just begun his faith walk with God, when all of a sudden, the power went out. There was a famine in the land, a period of extreme scarcity of food that can result in starvation, conflict, and even death. When this happens, you can feel as if your prospects of success are over. You lose hope. You don't do the things you used to do. You might lie in bed for hours at a time. It is what you do in these moments that become key and will determine whether we go on and thrive or give up and fail. It's what will determine whether we rise to the occasion or whether we crack and crumble under the pressure. In this message, I want us to look at three things we can do in the context of our walk with Christ to help get our power back.

KEY POINTS

1. Change Your Location

The first thing to do when a famine hits and the power goes out in your life is to change your location. When Abram found himself in a famine, he left Israel and went to Egypt for a while. Abram found himself in a place that was not nurturing or nourishing him and rather than staying in that environment, he changed his environment.

Maybe you need to do the same thing. Perhaps you have outgrown the environment you are in. Maybe you have big dreams, and you are surrounded by mediocre minds who doubt you, because really they are insecure and do not want you to succeed beyond them. Maybe you are growing in your relationship with God but you hang out with people who still want to do things you know are wrong. Do not let the people around your or the environment you are in keep you from becoming all God has made you to be. Maybe you need a change of location.

2. Don't Succumb To Fear

One way to certainly lose the power that is available to you is to succumb to fear. While the famine itself presented a succession of problems, Abram responded by conjuring up a scheme he thought would guarantee success in Egypt and avoid trouble.

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Because his wife Sarai was so beautiful, he believed her appearance could get him in trouble in Egypt if she gets on the radar of the men in town. So, Abram persuades her to lie about their relationship so the Egyptians won't kill him. They agree to refer to her as his sister and not his wife. The plan he believed would help him actually threatened to hurt him, and it all happened because he was being controlled by fear.

All Abram had to do is have faith and trust God enough to go to the place the Lord would lead him. But at the first threat he saw, Abram reverts back. Perhaps you can identify with Abram. Maybe the last few days, hearing the plans God has for you, you have become motivated to chase after His will and live this fulfilling life honoring God. But you realize as soon as you do, temptations, challenges, and struggles are quickly waiting for you. No one said following God would be easy. But remember, He wants your faith to grow. Don't choose fear, or the things you have seen, over the faith and the things unseen that God is promising you. Choose faith over fear.

3. Learn The Lesson And Claim The Promise

The best news you can have as you go on your journey of following God is that God's promises are sure. You might not know when they will happen or the details of how they will happen. But if God promises you something, you can claim it, own it, and expect it. Had Abram done this, he would not have had to deceive the Egyptians by telling them that Sarai was his sister.

When you go on a journey of following God, the devil is going to step in and tempt you. He is most afraid of those who are set on doing God's Kingdom work. He knows that these are the people that are most threatening and dangerous to making real change in the world. And he wants to throw them off their path. So when you commit to God, you can expect temptations and challenges to come early and come often.

But this does not mean you have to be fearful or give into these temptations. Remember, if God made a promise to you, it is sure. No matter how things might look in the moment, whether it looks possible or not, you can guarantee that God will do everything He says He will.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Are you in an environment that you've outgrown spiritually? If so, what is one step you can take to begin changing your location?
2. When was a time you succumbed to fear when God was leading you to have faith? What did you learn from that experience?
3. What is one promise from Scripture that you need to claim today?
