



QUOTE from “Do You Believe?” by Paul David Tripp

God is omnipotent, almighty in power. He can do, without effort, whatever he wills at any time and in any place he chooses to exercise his power. This is the highest possible definition of power. This means God is utterly and completely unique in power. There is nothing in heaven or on earth that is comparable in power to God. God’s power has no limits. There is nothing that God cannot do, according to his holy will and pleasure, and nothing that can inhibit or stop God’s exercise of his power.

SCRIPTURE ON GOD’S OMNIPOTENCE

Genesis 17:1; 18:14

Zechariah 8:6

Numbers 11:23

Ephesians 3:20-21

Job 24:22; 41-42

Revelation 1:8

Psalms 24:8; 115:3; 145:1-3

Matthew 19:6

Isaiah 14:24-27; 44:6-8

Mark 14:36

Jeremiah 32:17

Luke 1:37

TWO EXAMPLES OF GOD’S OMNIPOTENCE:

- **Creation**

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“There is value in considering what it means to believe that there is one who sits on the throne of the universe who has the power to do whatever he chooses to do without question of ability or effort. “

In what other ways did God demonstrate his omnipotence in creation?

- **Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

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“The Bible tells us that God’s power is not just creation power but also resurrection power. And the closer you get to examining and understanding the resurrection power, the more you are left in the humbling silence of awe and wonder.”

What powers of nature did God overrule through his omnipotence in the resurrection?

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE ABOUT GOD'S OMNIPOTENCE?

Debbie says, “I never thought parenting would be this hard. It was exhausting and discouraging.” It seemed like somehow every day she was confronted with her inability to get her children to desire to do what was right. She had read all the best Christian parenting books, but she still struggled with her powerlessness. At times it was a burden that was almost too hard for her to bear.

We're all tempted to doubt the power of God. What are some steps that we all can take to not doubt God's power in our everyday life?

Tim was a business wiz; he was successful and accomplished, but he was frustrated. The more he developed his business, the more he felt like his work was negatively affected by forces over which he had no control. Whether it was the decisions of politicians, a downturn in the economy, or a weather event, Tim was always dealing with messes he didn't make. With all his success, Tim still had moments when he felt powerless.

We all need to abandon our delusions of autonomy and self-sufficiency. What are some everyday reminders that we need to help us focus on God's omnipotence and not our independence?

Ron accepted the call to be the pastor of a church that had existed for over a hundred years. The glory days were over, and revitalization was needed. Ron was excited at the thought of this church being a bright light in its community once again. But it didn't take long for him to hit the wall of people's deeply held thoughts and attitudes about their church. Never in his ministry had Ron felt such resistance. He had never seen so many people walk away from a ministry he led. He knew the vision he was holding out was right, and he knew he had communicated it well, but he had no ability to reach inside of people and change their hearts and minds. As a pastor, Ron felt more powerless than he ever had before.

Our problem is with the limits of our faith, not with God's power. How should we focus more on God's power than our happiness and contentment under the guiding hand of a loving heavenly Father?

APPLICATION:

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“Here's who you are: you are the son or daughter of the most powerful being in the universe. Here is your potential: the power of your omnipotent Father is now at work within you. You are not left alone on the stage of your own little drama. You are not left to your little bag of resources.”