

Summary

This sermon explores the immeasurable power of God available to believers, using the Greek word 'dunamis' (meaning strength, ability, power) as the foundation. The pastor explains that God's power is both great and immeasurable, with no limits or boundaries. However, believers can temper the effects of this power through wavering faith and wrong motivations. The key message is that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to believers today, and through Christ, we are seated in heavenly places with authority over all things. The church, as the body of Christ, should walk in His authority and anointing, experiencing God's power in spirit, soul, and body when we believe with the right heart and motivations.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, acknowledging Your immeasurable power and greatness. As we gather together today, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to receive what You want to teach us. Help us to set aside any distractions or preconceived notions, and make us receptive to Your Holy Spirit's leading. Lord, search our hearts and reveal any areas where we may be limiting Your power in our lives. We pray that through our time together, You would strengthen our faith and align our motivations with Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's the most powerful thing you've ever witnessed in nature (like a thunderstorm, earthquake, or ocean waves), and how did it make you feel?

Key Verses

1. Acts 1:8
2. Ephesians 1:19-23
3. Ephesians 2:5-6
4. James 1:6-7
5. James 4:2-3
6. Romans 10:17
7. Mark 9:23

Questions

1. The pastor mentioned that believers can 'temper the effects' of God's power through wavering faith and wrong motivations. Can you think of a time when doubt or wrong motives may have limited God's work in your life?

2. How does understanding that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to us change your perspective on the challenges you're currently facing?
3. The sermon emphasized that 'faith comes by hearing the Word of God.' What practical steps can you take to strengthen your faith through God's Word?
4. Discuss the father's honest prayer: 'I believe, but help my unbelief.' Why is it important to be honest with God about our struggles and doubts?
5. What does it mean to you personally that you are 'seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus'? How should this truth impact your daily life?
6. The pastor warned against taking Philippians 4:13 out of context. How can we ensure we're seeking God's will rather than just asking Him to bless our own plans?
7. How can we as a church family better support those who are struggling with doubt or faith challenges, rather than judging them for not having 'enough faith'?
8. If you truly believed that God's immeasurable power was available to you today, what would you ask Him to do in your life, your family, or your community?

Life Application

This week, commit to strengthening your faith by reading God's Word daily and listening for His voice. Choose one area of your life where you've been struggling or doubting, and pray the honest prayer: 'Lord, I believe, but help my unbelief.' Ask God to search your heart and reveal any wrong motivations, then surrender that area completely to His will. Look for opportunities to encourage someone else who may be struggling with doubt rather than judging their level of faith.

Key Takeaways

1. God's power (dunamis) is immeasurable, great, and available to all believers who have faith and right motivations
2. Wavering faith and wrong motivations can temper the effects of God's power in our lives, but these can be remedied through God's Word and honest prayer
3. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is the same power available to believers today
4. Through Christ, believers are seated in heavenly places with authority over all things under His feet
5. We should walk in God's authority and anointing as the body of Christ, experiencing His power in spirit, soul, and body

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the incredible truth that Your immeasurable power is available to us as Your children. We are amazed that the same power that raised You from the dead lives within us. Help us to walk in the authority You've given us as we are seated with You in heavenly places. Strengthen our faith through Your Word, and purify our motivations so they align with Your heart. When we face challenges this week, remind us that we are far above all circumstances through You. May we be a church that walks in Your power and demonstrates Your love to a hurting world. We surrender our lives afresh to You, saying 'not our will, but Your will be done.' In Your mighty name we pray, Amen.