

WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO FOR YOU

Week 2: Where To Find The POWER You Need
October 22-23, 2022

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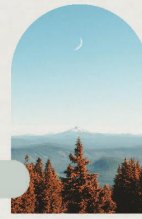
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REVIEW IT

Where do you find the strength to make it through? History, God's word, and our life experience show us that God is the ultimate source of strength. He is El Shaddai, our All-powerful God. Most of us don't deny God's power. Instead, we wonder, when can I count on God's power in my own life? First, when I'm tired. We grow tired and weary, but God does not. Secondly, when I've got nothing to offer. God's power works best in weakness. Thirdly when I'm in pain. His strength soothes our painful situations. Fourthly, when I am tempted. God gives us a way out of sin when we are tempted.

What can I do to receive God's power? A — Admit your weakness. Pride keeps us working in our own power. B — Be connected to the source of power. You can't have power if you're unplugged. C — Choose God's way with faith that God's power will show up. When you move in faith, God blesses it.

Spend some time in the word... **Read Exodus chapter 14**

TALK ABOUT IT

- What are some of God's mighty acts recorded in the Bible? What are some ways God has shown your family that He is El Shaddai?
- Of the four times we looked at in this message that you can count on God's power, which is most meaningful to you?
- Ask someone who has been a Christian for many years to tell you about some of the mighty acts of God they have seen. Did this person ever have to wait a long time for God to answer their prayer or to keep His promise? What is a verse that helped them to trust God?

ACT ON IT

We can often forget God's power in our life. He'll do a miracle or help us through a difficult situation, help us conquer an addiction, but we'll forget about it. This happened often to the Israelites, so they would write down the works of God and celebrate with festivals. Take a moment to think, remember and write down some of the ways God has provided for you and helped you in your life.

PRAY ABOUT IT

What do you need prayer for today? Take some time to ask how you can pray for and support one another this week. Then, close praying for one another.