

BEAT UP AND WORN OUT

Isaiah 9:6 – For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Mighty God = hero; warrior; champion.

1. His power is proven.

- **Matthew 8:27** – The disciples were amazed. “Who is this man?” they asked. “Even the winds and waves obey him!”
- **Mark 2:9-11** – “Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk’? So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!”
- **Mark 5:39-41** – He went inside and asked, “Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn’t dead; she’s only asleep.” The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl’s father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. Holding her hand, he said to her, “*Talitha kum*,” which means “Little girl, get up!”

2. His power is permanent.

- **Psalms 145:13a** (NIV) – Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.
- **Isaiah 40:28-29** – Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.

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3. His power is personal.

- **Romans 8:11, 39b** – The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. ... Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)** – “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Final thought: Cry out for the power of Mighty God today!

Coming soon:

1. **Night of Joy:** Don’t miss Night of Joy on Friday, December 12. Stop by the display to sign up to volunteer, to find out how you can give, and to see how you can make a difference this Christmas season.
2. **Christmas Eve:** Mark your calendars and invite your friends to celebrate Christmas with us here at DRC on Wednesday, December 24, at 2 pm and 4 pm: “Hope Is Here.”
3. **End-of-Year Celebration:** Make plans to join us on December 28 for our end-of-year celebration service—one service at 10 am. Stop by the Connect Center or danriverchurch.org/baptism to be baptized during this service.