

Encounter Church  
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## Empowered and Unstoppable A Supply of Power

Acts 1:8 (NLT)- “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Philippians 1:19(NKJV)- “For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.”

Supply- (Greek) epichoregeo- this is a very ancient word that means “on behalf of the choir.”

Epi- “on behalf of”

Choregeo- “choir or a choral presentation

This is where we get our word choreography

Thousands of years ago in classical Greece, a huge choral and dramatic company had practiced for an important theatrical performance. After putting in all their time and effort and energy it was time for the show to go on the road.

But there was one major problem: they ran out of money!

They had worked hard and given their lives for this production and committed themselves to see it succeed. But because they were out of financing it was washed-up for them.

Have you ever felt that way? Have you ever given yourself to something so completely that you didn't have anything else to give?

***Even people with good intentions and strong desire come to the place they have nothing else to give!***

That's what happened to the choir in this story; they had come to this very place. No funds meant no show. It seemed that all their energy and resources had been expended in vain!

***From all natural appearances it was the end of the dream. In reality, this dead-end place in their lives was the beginning of victory!***

AT THAT MOMENT OF DESPAIR A WEALTHY MAN STEPPED INTO THEIR LIVES. HE HAD HEARD ABOUT THEIR COMMITMENT, HE HAD HEARD ABOUT HOW THEY HAD WORKED ON THIS PROJECT FOR SO LONG.

AND BECAUSE HE WAS SO IMPRESSED WITH THEIR DEDICATION HE MADE A SIZABLE CONTRIBUTION **“ON BEHALF OF THE CHOIR.”**

In fact the contribution was far more than what they needed. It was far more than they knew how to spend. It was an excessive amount.

**And this is where we get the word “SUPPLY.”**

WHEN YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR ALL AND YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY MORE TO GIVE, THAT IS WHEN JESUS CHRIST STEPS INTO YOUR LIFE TO MAKE AN OVERWHELMING CONTRIBUTION OF THE SPIRIT'S GRACE AND POWER ON YOUR BEHALF.

*If you will make time to fellowship with Him and allow the Holy Spirit to become your cherished partner and friend, He will fill you with strength you need right now!*

### THE SECRET OF SUPERNATURAL STRENGTH

You've decided it's high-time to get into physical shape, so you investigate a health club. When you walk in the door you're greeted by a staff member and they bring you through the gym showing you the state of the art equipment and how it functions.

At the end of your tour the guide ask you, “Would you like for us to set up a routine for you?”

At this point you're tempted to back out. Playing on exercise equipment is one thing, but following an established regimen is another.

Seeing your hesitation the staff member explains, “You need a routine in order to work all the muscle groups properly and consistently, to keep track of how many repetitions you've done at which weight, to chart your progress and to avoid becoming imbalanced.

***Health-club instructors know that without a carefully structured plan, we're not going to accomplish our goals.***

So if you're going to get into good physical shape you need a pattern of work-outs that helps you remain balanced in your approach.

*The secret of sustaining supernatural strength then is what I call “A PATTERN OF PRAYER!”*

**DEVELOPING PRAYER FITNESS IS LIKE DEVELOPING PHYSICAL FITNESS: WE NEED A PATTERN TO AVOID BECOMING IMBALANCED.**

All you have to do is remember the word A.C.T.S. It's an acrostic whose four letters stand for adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.

### **1. Adoration**

In my opinion, it is absolutely essential to begin times of prayer with adoration and worship.

Adoration sets the tone for the entire prayer! It reminds us whom we are addressing, whose presence we have entered, whose attention we have gained.

It gets our focus on God and off other things!

I am praying to a tremendous God and that motivates me to continue praying!

**GOD IS WORTHY OF ADORATION!**

1 Chronicles 29:11 (NLT)- “Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.”

Our Heavenly Father is worthy of our worship so in this pattern of prayer let's begin with ADORATION!

### **2. Confession**

Naming our faults. Confession is probably the most neglected area in personal prayer.

1 John 1:8-9 (NLT)- “If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.”

If we really desire to repent for our sins we need to pull them out of the pile one by one and confess them to the Lord and ask for forgiveness and cleansing.

**What are the benefits of confession?**

1. First of all you're honest before God and you're not playing games anymore.

2. Next you'll be flooded with relief that God has a forgiving nature. Knowing that "as far as the east is from the west, so far He removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:12)

### 3. Thanksgiving

Expressing Gratitude

Psalms 103:2(NLT)- "Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me."

1 Thessalonians 5:18(NLT)- "Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

Parents you know how it feels when one of your children spontaneously thanks you for something!

Luke 17:11-19 (NLT)- "As Jesus continued on toward Jerusalem, he reached the border between Galilee and Samaria. As he entered a village there, ten men with leprosy stood at a distance, crying out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" He looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed of their leprosy. One of them, when he saw that he was healed, came back to Jesus, shouting, "Praise God!" He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done. This man was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Didn't I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And Jesus said to the man, "Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you."

**In this story we catch a glimpse of Jesus emotions.** He is moved, first to satisfaction by the one who came all the way back to say thanks and then to disappointment by people who felt gratitude but didn't take the time to express it.

Supernatural strength! Establish a pattern of prayer! Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving,

### 4. Supplication

Asking for help

Philippians 4:6 (NLT)- "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."

If you have adored Him, confessed your sins and thanked Him for all His good gifts now you're ready to tell Him what you need.

***Nothing is too big for God to handle or too small for Him to be interested in!***

## CONCLUSION:

When we have no more to give, Jesus Christ-through the ministry and power of the Holy Spirit picks up where we left off and makes an overwhelming contribution of the Spirit on our behalf.

### **HE PAVES THE WAY TO FINISH WHAT HE STARTED.**

Acts 4:31 (NLT)- “After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.”

### **THEY WERE EMPOWERED AND UNSTOPPABLE**