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Editorial

THE POWER WITHIN

When I first gave my heart to Jesus, I began experiencing something within me. I did not have much knowledge of the Holy Spirit to know that He was working in me. I remember getting dreams and visions. I remember the fire in my bones. I could feel the tangible touch of God through the Holy Spirit. I believe I have mentioned this before in a previous issue when I had shared my testimony about how the Holy Spirit began bringing the best out of me from the gifting God has blessed me with. He took a girl who would just write simple poems and spoke through those poems the Word of God into the lives of others. That's how it began, from simple poems and asking the Holy Spirit to help me write. Imagine that, I'm still amazed as to how good He is. From turning my poems into my ministry, He took me, a shy girl who would be afraid to speak to people and made me bold in sharing the love of Christ. He reveals to me the plans God has for my life and the purpose He has ordained for me. He opened my eyes to see as God sees, and opened my heart to feel as God feels. He opened my heart to receive the love of Christ. He is changing me as a person to follow the example of Christ. He has comforted and given me strength in tough times and has given me joy at all times. Yes, He is the Holy Spirit ... The Power Within.

1 Corinthians 2:9-13 "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" the things God has prepared for those who love him – these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in the words taught us by

human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words."

I am witness to the power of Holy Spirit. He has transformed my life and He can transform yours too. He is the power within each one of us. He teaches us to understand God. He reveals to us the thoughts of God. He hears from God and speaks to us. He is the fire in your bones. You feel Him burning within you. You know He is there when you start speaking in tongues. He speaks through you the heavenly language to God the Father. He rises within you, enabling you to function in the anointing God has given you.

That same Power within you is the one who is your strength when you need Him. When you don't know what to pray, He prays on your behalf. **Romans 8:26-27** "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."

Let the Power of the Holy Spirit work in your life. He is the most amazing person you will ever get to know.

Britney Jenine
Editor-In-Chief



REFLECTION OR REFRACTION

Are you a Reflection or Refraction of Jesus Christ?

Reflection- in its true definition is a “mirror-like” representation of an object’s image being bounced back from another surface.

Refraction- on the other hand, is a distorted or bending of an image of an object.

When you look into a mirror? What do you see? What about when others look at us, do they see the real us or do they see someone that we want them to see? Are we a true reflection of Christ to others? Living a Christian life is not about reading your bible once in a while, praying when you can or when you want something from God. It’s not about going to church, dressing, walking and talking a certain way. Living as a follower of Christ, is to display the true image of God in your life.

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

We can only be a true reflection of Christ if we have the Holy Spirit within us. To be a follower of Christ we need to be an authentic reflection of Christ.

Ephesians 5:1 - Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God

We have to display God’s love, If your life is something other than this basic truth you may be a carnal Christian but not the reflection of Christ. Remember if we are followers of Christ, we have

to reflect the highest quality, which is of course the heavenly kingdom. You are representing the heavenly kingdom in all your lifestyle, which includes how you walk; how you talk; how you dress; how you eat; how you perform duties at a job; even how you think. As an ambassador of God, you are an example to others, regardless if you are aware of it. The question is are you living a life of Reflection or Refraction?



BY AMY GARTON

FAITH THROUGH A CRISIS

BY CHANELLE GOVENDER

I was in an accident about 3 weeks ago, a taxi smashed me from behind and I've been car-less ever since. I knew that God was teaching me something but I struggled to understand what it was ... after all, I didn't brag when I got my car and I also tried to help people with it.

Everyone told me it was a hopeless case because these guys are not going to pay. I decided to have faith. At first I was angry and depressed. I didn't understand why God allowed this to happen. I was so grateful for my car. I thanked God for my beautiful car daily so I just couldn't understand it. After talking to my mom, I realized that I was coming into something great and this was the work of the enemy. On that very same day of the accident I was fasting. This added to my confusion even more. On the 3rd day I realized that even though God didn't prevent it, He still protected me through it, it could have been so much worse but I walked away with no injuries.

The next week I decided to fast and pray for the week. I wanted God to perform a miracle by making these guys pay. On the 3rd day of fasting, our driver at work came in with a box of spares he had collected and the first thing that caught my eye was Psalms 23 printed on that box. I know the scripture well and I knew God was trying to tell me something but couldn't quite get what it was ...

This week being the 3rd week, has proven to be fruitless because nothing has been resolved and my car is still yet to be repaired. I was feeling quite down especially after talking to the taxi owner yesterday and him telling me to take him to court. Today, I had issues at work with the bookkeeper being her usual petty self so I was just feeling very down. I came home and told my mom about everything that happened at work. She brought me to a place of understanding and told me that God is not going to prevent things from happening to you. Yes He is God, He can if He wanted to but there is a plan and reason for you to have these struggles. Then she said that God being God could've prevented Daniel from being thrown into the lions den. God could've stopped it when they were tying him up but that's not what He promised. God promised that He will be with

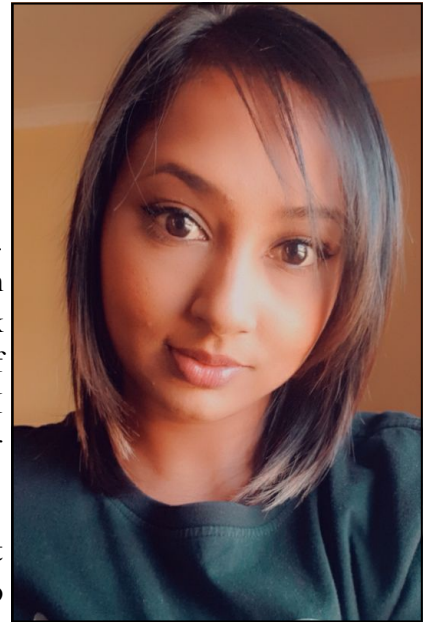
you THROUGH it. Then she said, "even though I walk through the valley of shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me."

That's when it clicked. There is no value in success

without struggle and Jesus didn't promise you a life without struggle, He proved His love through the ultimate struggle of all, being crucified on the cross. There are some lessons that can't be taught from a text book but only through life experiences alone. The fact that I find myself in a storm, is a clear indication that I am on the right track. Struggles prepare you for what is to come and at this moment, I feel so grateful that I am going through this. That God is trying to teach me, prepare me and mould me for what He has in store for me. It gives me great comfort that He is WITH me. I really couldn't ask for anything more. Having God on my side is a blessing all on its own.

I have realized that I've been expecting God to do a magic trick for me. I'm indirectly saying to God, here is my faith; please prove all those people wrong by making the taxi owner pay for the damages. This is God; He doesn't need to prove Himself to anyone! If this is what I need to go through then God is going to guide me through it but it MUST happen. Rock bottom will teach you lessons that mountain tops never will. I just need to embrace this storm, dance in the rain and have faith that no matter what the outcome is, God has a plan!

Faith is believing that God is working for us. If we truly believe that - then we need to accept that things won't always go our way. Sometimes the blessing is not in what happens but in what didn't happen. When God doesn't show up, it doesn't mean that He doesn't care or is not in control. Everything that we go through will work for our benefit eventually. I will not stop praising His Holy name. For I know that His plan is greater than mine and I trust Him wholly to fulfil His purpose in me.



DUNAMIS

BY RICCO J GOVENDER

THE POWER FROM WITHIN

Have you ever heard the Phrase that “Greatness dwells within” or “You have to believe in yourself”? In the Kingdom these Phrases have nothing to do with self nor does it have anything to do with our own ambition but rather more than that which is dwelling inside of you.

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

When this scripture states ***“But you shall receive power”*** that “Power” is described in the Greek as the word ***“Dunamis”*** & ***“Dunamis”*** is where we get the English word Dynamite from. ***“Dunamis”*** has several meanings attached to it such as Power, Force & Ability.

Sometimes we may have feelings of inferiority, feelings of a low self-esteem & feelings that we will never amount to anything but when we have an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit we will always remember that there is greatness dwelling within us even though our lives may not reflect it as yet & it’s not that we are great by ourselves because we can only be great when greatness Himself dwells in us who is Christ in us the Hope of Glory.

There cannot be ***“Dunamis”***, there cannot be Dynamite operating within you if you do not have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. The ***“Dunamis”*** Power is not limited to eloquence of speech nor a few clever words but it goes hand in hand with Holiness because the ***“Dunamis”*** Power does not operate within double standards

nor can it operate in “sloppy” grace.

Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

Again the word ***“Power”*** is the word ***“Dunamis”***...

Often times we are governed by the opinions of others & sometimes people may feel that they can determine the outcome of your life, & the outcome of your ministry forgetting that you have ***“Dunamis”*** operating within you.

Sometimes we can limit ourselves due to our lives currently or we can limit ourselves due to that damaged background that we may come from without realizing that God wants to use each & every one of us as a vessel of honour. The reason why many people do not come into that position of operating within that ***“Dunamis”*** Power & be a Dynamite in the kingdom of God is because of self-limitation & self-condemnation whereby you feel that you are not good enough to operate within that Grace & Anointing that the Lord has in store for you. The world may say that you ought to put on perfection to serve God but if your heart is in the right place & if you are striving for the mark of perfection, even the Bible says that ***“Though a righteous man may fall 7 times he will still get back up”*** meaning it’s not about the falling but the emphasis is on the getting up so you can lay a hold through the ***“Dunamis”*** Power & be a Dynamite in the kingdom of God.

DUNAMIS

BY RICCO J GOVENDER

THE POWER FROM WITHIN

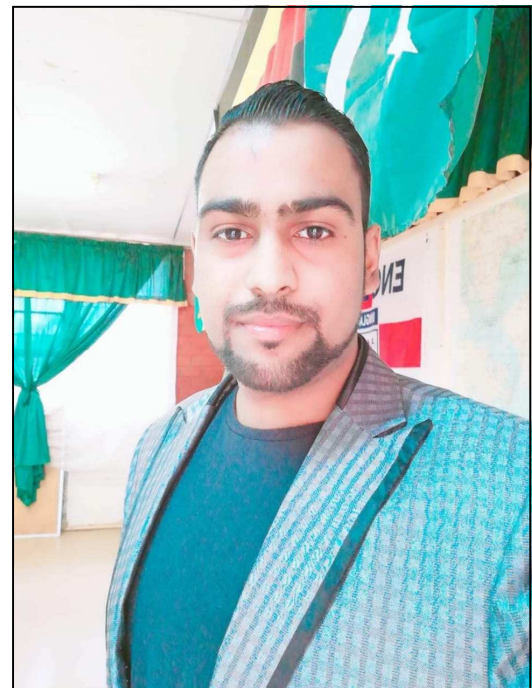
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When we look at the Apostle Paul we see that He operated within the “*Dunamis*” Power because when He had ministered the Word of God it was followed by signs, wonders & miracles according to *2 Corinthians 12:12 & Acts 19:11*.

So the Apostle Paul operated within this Grace and Anointing but before he could operate within this measure he was known as Saul of Tarsus who was a murderer that persecuted Christians. Saul of Tarsus made it his business to destroy the Church going door to door in Jerusalem looking for people who followed Christ so that he could throw them into prison & after putting these people in prison he had hunted down the Christians to whom they were writing letters too but one sudden day he had an encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ in His resurrected state and when he was saved by Jesus Christ he was cleansed of his sins and given a new name, Paul. Paul had become one of God’s best disciples some scholars say that Paul became Judas’ replacement making him apart of the 12 disciples.

The Apostle Paul did not allow that shame & regret he had to stop him from moving forward in his God given purpose and operating within the “*Dunamis*” Power. Sometimes we all can feel unqualified & unworthy for Kingdom service because of that bad past we have but the gospel is so powerful that our transformation becomes a profound testimony to God’s goodness and Grace as Christ alone is the Author & Finisher of our faith.

Your life may be filled with shame and regret but God is calling you to leave that all behind in order to thrust forward. You may feel that your life is at a stand-still or that nothing is happening in your life, you may feel that God has been silent throughout all this time but in times like these He is working behind the scenes. God is shaping you & moulding you through the seasons of life to operate within that “*Dunamis*” Power to be dynamite in the kingdom of God. Do not despite your little beginnings; do not despise where you are now because everything is a part of your process to possess that “*Dunamis*” Power. As you begin to fellowship daily & have intimacy with the Holy Spirit, the Lord will begin to reveal & impart more of Himself until you come into this place whereby you experience with the spirit without measure so you can experience the Power from Within, & out of your belly will flow rivers of living water in Jesus Name.



Need to be quickened according to His
Word?

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Ask Flo @ Florence.Pillay1@gmail.com

**A biblical advice column on matters of
the heart.**



Dear Flo

This week for the first time, I walked into church and did not want to be there. I felt so discouraged and disappointed. I have been hurt so badly. Please, I hate feeling this way - I felt as if the Holy Spirit was no longer with me...

Gloria

Dearest Gloria

“The devil is a sly old fox. I like to catch him and put him in a box. Close the door and throw away the keys for all the tricks he has played on me.”

He pierces his dagger through our hearts. He causes pain that makes us have trouble sleeping, become highly self-critical, irritable, withdrawn, very judgmental and condemning. He is highly dangerous and likes to make us feel devoid through his 5 dimension strategy – disappointment – discouragement – disillusionment – depression and despair. His greatest pleasure is destroying God’s people and we give him the victory if we allow him...yes, if we allow him.

So my dear, my word of encouragement for you is to **not** give him any more power over your life. Remember that as a true believer of Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit is always with us. He lives inside of us although we cannot see and sometimes cannot feel him. He is a great power within us and we can make the Holy Spirit sad when we turn away from Him, but He never leaves us. This is a promise from Jesus to us.

Sometimes however you need to walk this lonesome valley as Jesus walked – alone - so that God can smile on you. You need to give thanks to God – **“Give thanks in all circumstances” - 1 Thessalonians 5:18** and watch Him take control as you talk to Jesus. He is the only One who can encourage your soul. He will do this through the living Word of God, meditation and your closet times with Him. Pour yourself out to Him and let His Holy Spirit heal the bruising of your heart. He knows how you feel. He underwent some deep troubles in His life here on earth. He was able to say in unjust and unfair situations **“But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also”- Matthew 6:39**. This is very hard for us as humans to do, but we need to do this in order to let go. It releases us from the evil spirit of criticism, condemnation and judgement. After all who are we to criticize, condemn and judge others and ourselves? It is a sin and keeps us from receiving God’s best in our lives because our thoughts become impure. We know that where there is darkness, the light of God Almighty cannot dwell. Remember God is the Ultimate Judge. He will deal appropriately with His children. **“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son, Jesus Christ” - John 3:17-18**. He is our restorer and joy. **“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” - Romans 8:28**. We need to trust totally in His goodness and mercy over us and go to Him, all we who labour and are heavy laden, and He will give us rest. Take His yoke upon us, and learn from Him, for He is gentle and lowly in heart, and we will find rest for our souls. For His yoke is easy, and His burden is light **(Matthew 11:28-30)**. Do not be afraid to face those that have hurt you in prayer and supplication. **“If your brother has fought against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. “I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loosen on earth will be loosed in heaven.” - Matthew 18:15-18.**

And furthermore, **“hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching” - Hebrews 10:23-25**. Let the Father pour His love on you and let His love flow through you to others. This is not a natural love but a spiritual love, a love that comes from the greatest power within you - The Holy Spirit.

Remember we are approved, anointed and appointed to transform others through His love, in artless acts that attaches and spreads His arms of love all around us.

Love
Florence



EDUCATOR - TOMMY MOODLEY

Tommy is a passionate individual who motivates and encourages those around him.

Here is his success story and encouragement to you.

THE GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

Greetings to all believers who are reading this magazine. I am going to share a few important principles that I have held onto in order to be a success.

When I was 16 years old at a youth meeting in Shekinah Temple Church, Montford, we were asked to kneel and pray. At that time I was just growing in the things of God. All I remember is kneeling down and when I got up I realized that almost an hour passed by. God touched me at that youth meeting.

Firstly, never underestimate any meeting that you attend. Irrespective of the number, God will touch you if you believe He can.

Secondly, Obedience to God's Word and heeding to His guidelines for living is the gaining of wisdom. The more you heed to His word the more wisdom you gain. I came from an average home and my family could not provide for me to go to university. I prayed and believed that God is the God of the impossible and at the end of my Grade 12 year I received a bursary to study at the University of Durban, Westville, for teaching. I was one of the few students that were selected from my school.

Thirdly, if you pray and believe hard enough it is sure to happen. No matter the circumstance you are in remember God operates outside our realm and He can change it the way He desires. He can slay Goliath, open the Red Sea allowing the people to walk on dry ground and He even fed the people of Israel for 40 years without them toiling the soil to produce.

Fourthly, Our God is limitless and His resources are endless. He can make something out of nothing. In the book of Genesis, He spoke the word and there was light, animals, fish, moon, sun and the list remains today as endless as the beginning. Matthew 6:33 declares that to be wealthy in this world you have to be keep God first. He must not only be in your life but rather He must dictate your lifestyle in all things and at all times. God is not a microwave that we only turn on when we need to make the meals hot. Rather He must be the electricity that flows through our spiritual cables that keeps us charged and always live so that we are ready to heed to the masters call in fulfilling our destiny for Him and together with Him.

Fifthly, keep God at the center so that everything holds together. Without Him everything falls apart. May God's favour and blessings rest with every person out there.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Many believers in Christ get confused about the Holy Spirit. Some say that the Holy Spirit is the “Power of God”, while others say that the Holy Spirit is God’s Spirit. So then, who is the Holy Spirit really?

Jesus said in **John 14:15-16** “If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – *the Spirit of truth.*” According to Jesus, The Holy Spirit is the “Spirit of truth”. In the previous verses **John 14:6-7** “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the *truth* and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well.” Jesus is the “Truth” and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth which makes Him Jesus’ Spirit.

Jesus said in **John 14:20** “On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.” So then, does this mean that Jesus and God the Father is one person? Yes and No. Jesus is God in the flesh connected by the Holy Spirit. In **John 1:1** we read “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” and **John 1:14** “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” We can now safely say that since Jesus is God in the flesh, and the Holy Spirit is Jesus’ Spirit that Holy Spirit is God’s Spirit.

We have established that the Holy Spirit is God’s very own Spirit, we can also say that the Holy Spirit is God in the Spirit. Referring to the Holy Spirit as “it” is incorrect because He is a person. He is God! **John 15:26** “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father – the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father – *he* will testify about me.” In this verse Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “he” proving to us that “He is a person”.

Now is the Holy Spirit also the “Power of God”? Yes. **John 1:2-4** “He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.” We

know that the Holy Spirit is a person and He was with God in the creation of the world. He was the one who did as God instructed in the creation of the world and He still does as God instructs. Scripture says that “*in Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind*”. **Genesis 2:7** “Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and *breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*” In the beginning when God created mankind He breathed His Spirit in us to give us life. His Spirit who is the Holy Spirit was the “Power” that created us. So yes, the Holy Spirit is the “Power of God”.

Matthew 1:18 “*she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.*” and **Matthew 1:20:21** “... *because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*” From the beginning of time and the creation of mankind, man has drifted from God and sinned therefore grieving the Holy Spirit who was in them. God then sent Jesus, His son through the Holy Spirit who brought to life Himself in the flesh in the womb of Mary. Jesus came to teach us about the right ways of God so that we could once again live our lives as once ordained by Him. As we read above “*in Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.*” Through Jesus’ teachings, mankind was and still is able to accept and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us to live our lives according to the will of God. When Jesus left to go back to the Father, He reminded us of the Holy Spirit who was always with us. **John 14:17** “The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.” And **John 14:26** “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” The Holy Spirit is here to remind us of God’s love and to give us the power and authority to live as God as called us.

What is the Anointing and How do I get filled?

What is the anointing?

The anointing is the Power of God becoming active in you. It is the Holy Spirit becoming alive in you. The anointing is what enables you to carry out the will of God. **John 7:38** “Whoever believes in me, as scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them. By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.” The anointing will feel like a river overflowing within you.

It is the fire in your bones. **Jeremiah 20:9** “But if I say, “I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name,” his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot.” The anointing is the Word of God becoming active in you. You cannot contain it or hold it in. When the anointing is upon your life, you are now a vessel of God. Do not be afraid but strive to go deeper in worship. When you move with the anointing, you are moving with the power of God. You are operating in the Spirit. You are sharing the good news under the power of God.

1 John 1:20 “But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know

the truth.” The anointing shows you the truth. It reveals to you the hidden things of God through the Holy Spirit. With the anointing of the Holy Spirit you can do things that you can’t do in the flesh. **1 John 1:27** “As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit – just as it has taught you, remain in him.” The anointing will teach you the ways of God and the ways you should carry yourself out. It will advance you in the Spirit and give you understanding about all things. Seek the Holy Spirit for an outpouring of the anointing.

How do I get filled with the anointing?

By fasting and praying. Being sincere and faithful to God. You need to yearn for the anointing because you have a passion for Christ. Desire it. Desire the gift of tongues that you may speak the heavenly language and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to God on your behalf.

BY BRITNEY JENINE AND
JENNIFER IRENE CHETTY

POWER VERSES

Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

You are not alone. No matter your age or gender, we all go through obstacles, we all feel run down and sometimes even broken. But God can deliver you. All you need to do is to reach out and read His word. There is a verse for every situation and there is one that is going to help you break those chains holding you back.

Beverley (48)

My husband, Lenny, suddenly turned ill. He went to the hospital twice. Doctors suspected gall bladder pains, kidney infections, he was not able to breath and x-rays was showing fluid build-up. The doctors were just able to stabilise him. I prayed and all in all the devil's plan was destroyed.

Beverley



Power verse: 1 John 4:4 "Greater is He within you than He that's in the world."

Hope (15)

My mum fell ill and got blind. It was difficult to adapt to all the changes. I started reading the bible for her and this helped.

Hope

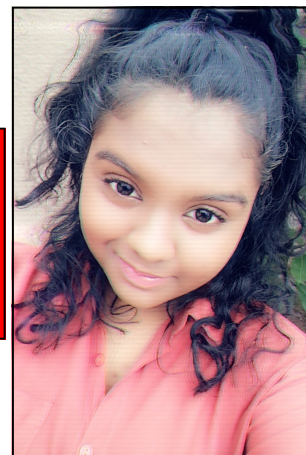


Power verse: Matthew 4:1-11. These verses strengthened me and taught me to resist the temptation of evil.

Jamie (16)

Everything in my life felt like was going wrong, with home and school. I realised that it was because I drifted away from God. Going back to the word of God, I realised that we have such a forgiving God that no matter what He forgives us and we should also do the same in all aspects of life.

Jamie



Power Verse: Luke 17:3-4 "So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

Alvin Reddy (58)

Dec 2014, I resigned from my job due to a situation. Almost a year later, in November 2015 I was re-employed with full original salary and full benefits. This was a miracle for me. When you take care of God's work He takes care of you.

Alvin



Power Verse: Matthew 6:33 "But Seek First His Kingdom and His Righteousness and All these things will be given to you as well".



POWER VERSES—Continued

Aimee (54)

I never saw my mom as a widow until God gave me a scripture after a 21 day fast when I was deciding whether to relocate or not. My decision to relocate back to SA from The USA was solely based on God's word. I have no regrets because when you listen to the Lord it's always the right decision

Power Verses: 1 Timothy 5:16 "If any woman who is a believer has widows in her care, she should continue to help them and not let the church be burdened with them, so that the church can help those widows who are really in need."

Exodus 20:12 "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you."

Aimee



Renee (20)

Being a first year tertiary student has been very scary. This pandemic has brought a lot of uncertainty and affected everyone financially, emotionally or physically. There were times when I questioned if I'd even pass the module but then I'd close my eyes and think of God's word. When I attended a Sunday School meeting, Pastor also said to me that if you are obedient to God and God's work you will be blessed. That same evening after the meeting my uncle from Switzerland called to say my fees for that month will be covered. God's uncommon favour is always upon us even if I'd lose a little hope God sends a sign to let me know He's got me.

Renee



Power Verse: Psalm 121 "My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

Bradley (15)

When I was younger, I looked down on myself and even thought that I would amount to nothing. I never liked school and was not that interested in church. My sister encouraged me to pray and eventually I came across the verse Matthew 6:33, and I started making God a priority in my life and things really turned around for me, I began fasting and praying, going to church and getting involved, and now I'm receiving awards for being first in the grade and accomplishing much more.

Bradley



Power verse: Matthew 6:33

"Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things shall be added unto you"

POWER VERSES—Continued

Cleo (29)

When I went for the interview for the job that I have now, I had to do a medical test. The nurse that was doing the test on me was so rude. I had to do some breathing exercises and I couldn't get it right, she got so frustrated and told me to go home and not come back. I was really scared; however I kept this verse in my mind

Power Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6 “ Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you .”

As I was leaving, she called me back and asked me to try again. I finally got it right and passed the test.

Cleo



Cameron (24)

After completing high school, I began a career that gave me no joy or fulfilment and I came to realize that this was because I had followed my own way instead of seeking God's guidance. I began to pray for clarity from God and for Him to reveal the purpose He had for my life. God answered my prayer by revealing a talent that I had once thought of as only a hobby. After completing further studies, I am now pursuing my dream job.

Power Verse: Proverbs 19:21 “Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails”

Cameron

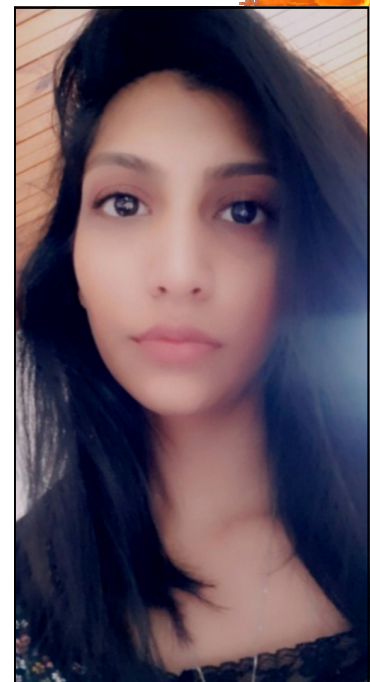


Emily (22)

While studying, I would become so anxious about the upcoming test and exam period that I would actually become physically sick. Many people would not classify anxiety as a problem, but God's Word recognizes and addresses it.

Power Verse: Philippians 4:6-7 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”

Emily



POWER VERSES—Continued

Jared (32)

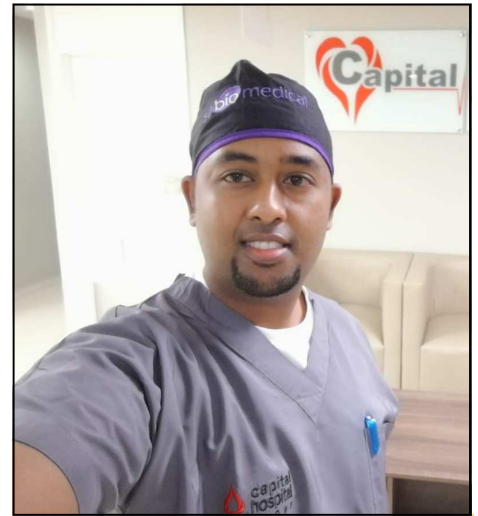
As I look back at my life, there is always one question I keep asking myself.. “Why did I go through certain compromising situations that I could have avoided?” Now that I'm older I've found 3 powerful verses that help me understand that through every valley I walked, every demon I faced & every wide road that I chose to take.... *There was a purpose.*

Power verses: Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path”

Romans 8:28 “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

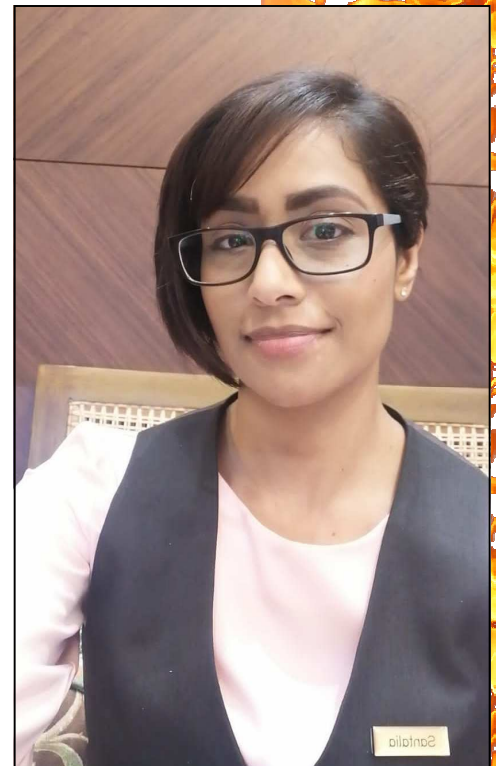
Hebrew 13:5 “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

Jared



His word is a powerful reminder that God is our source of comfort and strength at all times, and His peace is readily available even in the most stressful situations.

Santalia



**POWER VERSES BY:
SANTALIA GOVENDER**

BACK-IN-THE-DAY

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WITH JENNIFER IRENE CHETTY

We took the opportunity to sit down with Jennifer Irene Chetty and reflect on some great experiences.

1. What was evangelism like back in the day?

Going out on the highways and byways preaching and teaching the Word of God. Knocking on doors and telling people about Jesus. Reaching out to the weak and weary and the poor and needy.

2. Have you ever experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit? If so, can you describe that moment?

Yes I have. There were moments where I felt like I was in another place and felt God's embrace and at times I felt I was in the air. It was breathtaking.

3. I'm sure you have seen many miracles in your life. Can you share any?

I have seen blind eyes open, lame walk, deaf hear. I have witnessed people who were in wheelchairs getting up and walking and people being delivered from demonic spirits.

4. What stands out for you in Christianity?

Christ's love. Christianity is not a religion but a relationship. Having a relationship with my God is what stands out for me.

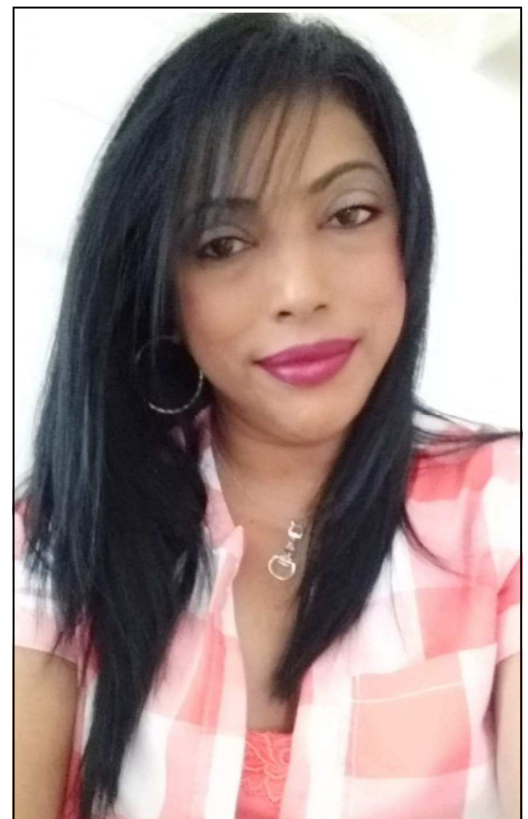
5. Being raised in a praying Christian family must have some amazing memories. Can you share some things you were taught by your parents that contributed to the level of faith you now have?

My parents always told us to make God first priority in life no matter what we go through. They taught us to be givers and not takers, and to always be humble. We were taught to respect people no matter who they

are whether rich or poor, both deserve the same respect. They have imparted prayer into our lifestyle. "Pray, Pray, Pray" they said. Always have alter prayer with the family and don't leave your home without praying.

6. What advice do you have for people regarding growth in their spiritual life?

In order to grow spiritually one needs to have a God encounter so that they can have a relationship with the Father. Having a God encounter is to spend alone time with Him and listen for His voice.



Pictured:
Jennifer Irene Chetty

MAKE IT RIGHT

BY BRITNEY JENINE

There comes a time when we must evaluate our lives and the decisions we made or are making. We need to “Make it Right”, every wrong choice, mistake, or sin needs to be dealt with. We need to let go of things that are holding us down and stopping us from reaching our full potential in Christ. There are three aspects in our lives which we need to make right with:

Firstly, we need to **Make Right with God.** **Romans 10:9** “If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.”

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

What does it mean to make right with God? It is just saying a sinners prayer when the alter call is announced? No. Although that is a first step, but it doesn't mean you have completely made right with God. You just opened the door to let Him in. If you just said “I believe in Jesus and want to give my heart to Him” but did not believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead and that your sins were forgiven in that moment, then you are not saved. When you give your heart to God, your entire being, mind, heart and spirit needs to be committing. Not just your mind and not just your heart. The moment you give you life to God, you are saying “alright God, I am sorry for the sins I have committed. Can you please forgive me? I want to change. I want to have a relationship with you. I want to get to know you.” This is what happens when you first turn to God. It's the beginning of a wonderful process of change and relationship of love. After you commit to God and accept His forgiveness through the Blood of Jesus, you begin to make it right with God. You will notice a change in your lifestyle and behaviour as the Holy Spirit begins to work in you. Wrong things you used to once find entertaining and habits you used to once love will slowly begin to leave you. The more you get to know God and abide in His presence, the less of the world you will want to associate with. You would begin to feel endless joy and in your troubled times, your faith in God will pull you

through. To make right with God is to accept His forgiveness and walk away from sin. It is to be committed to Him with everything you are and everything you have. You will surely see His hand in your life and the work of the Holy Spirit through you.

Secondly, we need to **Make Right with ourselves.** How many of us live with regret? I think one of the most difficult obstacles to overcome is moving past regret and being able to forgive yourself for mistake committed. **2 Corinthians 5:17** “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” Good news is, if we are in Christ, we get a fresh start. He gives us a new beginning. He removes all those regrets and mistakes and makes us right. All we need to do is accept it and believe in His Word. If God can forgive us and give us a fresh start, can't we just let go and live a new life in Christ?

Lastly, **Make right with others.** **Matthew 6:14-15** “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

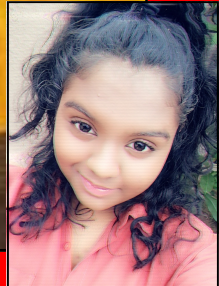
Matthew 18:21-22 “Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”

Holding grudges and unforgiveness steals our peace and joy. It makes us bitter and it could lead to depression. It halts us from reaching our God-ordained purpose and receiving the blessings God has prepared for us. We ought to forgive, yes it isn't easy but, the moment we let go of all hatred and bitterness, then only can we feel at peace. If God forgives us why can't we forgive others? Even if you have to say “I forgive you” every single day until you let go - it is better than having unforgiveness rooting in your heart. Besides forgiving others, we also must ask for forgiveness from those we have wronged. No, it doesn't make us small to ask for forgiveness, but it does release the pain and regret within us.

Make Right with God, yourself and others and you will see the Holy Spirit transform you into a God-fearing believer in Christ.



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BIBLE STORIES

The Promise of the Holy Spirit - John 7:37-39

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost - Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

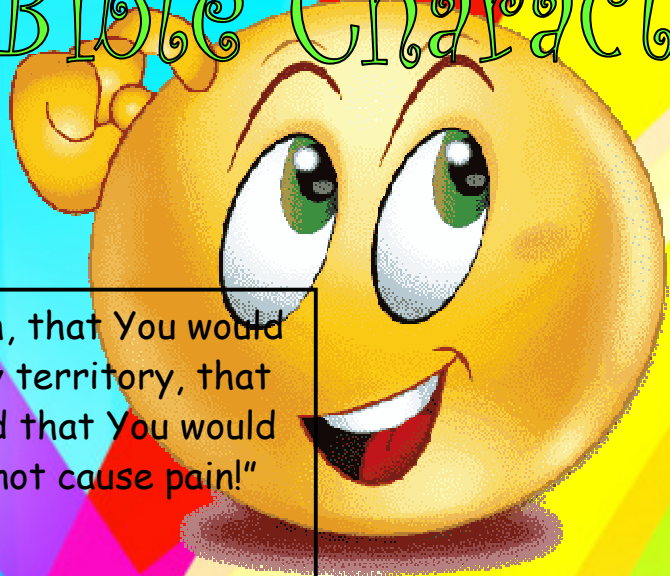
THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH REST UPON MY HEAD

The Spirit of truth rest upon my head
Remaining within me till my dying bed
The Spirit arises, o' heaven rejoice
A song from within shreds my voice
I stand in awe unto Him - the majesty of His love
The angels sing unto Him - proclaiming He is Lord
Holy, Holy, Holy - Sweet anointing fall on me
From my head let it flow right down to my feet
Let the Spirit of truth shake through the rain
For the counsellor has come to be my true friend

Spirit over me - I come with dancing feet
Restoration at my head where
God's Spirit finds His rest

BY BRITNEY JENINE

Guess the Bible Character



1. I called out to God saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!"

Who am I?

2. I am a Jewish convert and known among the Seventy Disciples. A mob attacked my house and dragged some brethren and I to the rulers of the city.

Who am I?

3. I asked for a double portion of my master's anointing. I performed many miracles.

Who am I?

4. I was a man full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among people. People were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which I spoke.

Who am I?

5. We were imprisoned and locked in chains. We were praying and singing hymns and the doors were opened and our chains were loosed.

Who are we?

DELICIOUS RECIPES TO ENJOY

Recipe for: CHICKEN CURRY



INGREDIENTS:

SPICE :

- 2 tablespoons ghee (or butter)
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon of curry powder (or garam masala)
- 1 tablespoon of ground coriander
- 1 tablespoon of ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon of whole cumin
- 1 teaspoon of cayenne pepper
- 1 to 2 whole cinnamon sticks
- 1 onion finely chopped
- 1 inch of fresh ginger (grated)
- 4 cloves of garlic finely minced
- 8 pieces of chicken 1kg of your choice
- 2 tomatoes chopped
- 1 tablespoon tomato puree
- 2 potatoes cut in cubes
- 2 spring of curry leaves

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Heat a heavy pot to medium heat, melt the butter in the vegetable oil, then add the spice only to temper and become fragrant. Be careful not to sear or burn the spices, but allow gentle heat to do its work for a minute.
- Add the onions, garlic and ginger and fry until softened. This should take about 3 minutes on medium heat.
- Turn the heat up to high and add the chicken pieces. (Chicken on the bones such as wings, thighs and drumsticks work best) and add a cup of water.
- After about 5 min, add the tomatoe puree, chopped tomatoes and give the pot a good stir.
- Throw in the chopped potatoes and curry leaves. Check seasoning as it may need a pinch of salt. Allow to simmer for about 30min on a low to medium heat.
- When ready, garnish with the fresh coriander leaves, can be served with rice or bread.

NOTE TIP

Care should be taken to ensure that there is enough heat to cook the potatoes through. You will notice that they absorb much of the water and become fluffy when ready.

DELICIOUS RECIPES TO ENJOY

Recipe for:

SPONGE CAKE



INGREDIENTS:

- 225g softened butter
- 225g golden castor sugar
- 4 large eggs
- ½ lemon, zested
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 225g self-raising flour
- Splash of milk

Optional fillings of lemon curd, jam, lightly whipped cream, icing sugar for dusting.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Heat oven to 180 °C, butter and line the base of two 20cm spring form tin with baking parchment.
- Using a whisk beat the butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy. Crack the eggs in one at a time and whisk well, scraping down the sides of the bowl after each addition. Add the lemon zest, vanilla, flour, milk and a pinch of salt. Whisk until just combined then divide the mixture between the two tins.
- Bake in the centre of the oven for 25-30 min until a skewer inserted into the middle of each cake comes out clean. After 10 min remove the cakes from the tins and leave to cool completely on a wire rack. Fill how you like. My personal favourite is a good dollop of lemon curd in some fresh cream, then dust with icing sugar.

DELICIOUS RECIPES TO ENJOY

Recipe for:

SOJI WITH CREAM & ALMONDS



INGREDIENTS:

- 500ml semolina
- 150grams rama butter
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 500 ml boiling water
- 1ml salt
- 60ml nestle condensed milk
- 180ml evaporated milk
- 125ml white sugar
- 1,25 ground nutmeg
- 3ml cardamom powder

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Heat a heavy - based pot, add Semolina and fry until slightly toasted, stirring constantly to prevent burning.
- Remove from heat and set aside in an empty casserole dish.
- Melt butter in the same pot, add cinnamon and stir for a minute.
- Add the semolina and mix well , add boiling water (water can be boiled in a Kettle) and salt , and stir until combined .
- Simmer over a low heat until water evaporates and Semolina is puffed and pillowy .
- Stir in condensed milk and evaporated milk, sugar, nutmeg and cardamom.
- Once done shape on a serving plate and serve with cream and almonds.



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