

1 Corinthians 4:20 (NLT) "The kingdom of God is not just fancy talk. It is living by God's power."

Genesis 17:1-2 (NLT) "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, 'I am El-Shaddai—'God Almighty.'"

Psalms 68 (LB) "God is awesome. He gives power and strength to His people. Praise the Lord"

When can you count on God's power?

First: You can count on God's power when you're TIRED.

Jeremiah 31:25 (NLT) "For I have given rest to the weary and joy to the sorrowing."

Isaiah 40:28-29 (Phillips) "The Lord is the everlasting God. He never grows tired or weary. He strengthens those who are weak and tired. Those who trust the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; He offers strength to the weak."

Four specific areas of our lives where we most frequently get weary.

1. We get weary of PRAYER.

Luke 18:1 (KJV) "And he spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint."

1 Timothy 2:1 (AMP) "First of all (as a matter of urgent priority), then, I urge (plead and beg you) that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men."

2. We get weary of doing the RIGHT THING.

Galatians 6:9-10 (Msg) "So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing the right things. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit."

3. We get weary of SERVING.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (Msg) "With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don't hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort."

Luke 9:62 (HCSB) "But Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'"

4. We get weary of WITNESSING.

Acts 1:8 (NASB) "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB) "'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"

Second: You can count on God's power when you are TEMPTED.

1 Corinthians 10:9 (Phillips) "Every temptation that has come your way is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps His promise, and He will not allow you to be tempted beyond your power to resist. At the time you are tempted He will give you strength to endure it and so provide you with a way out."

James 4:7-8 (NASB) "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

How do we make ourselves available to God's Power?

Condition One: Get **CONNECTED**.

John 1:12 (NLT) "But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."

John 3:16 (NLT) "'For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.'"

Condition Two: Keep your connection **CLEAN**.

1 John 1:7 & 9 (NASB) "But if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. ... If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Condition Three: keep the **CURRENT** flowing.

Ephesians 5:15-18 (NLT) "So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Galatians 5:23-24 (NLT) "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Application:

What area of your Christian life do you get the most weary?

- Prayer
- Doing the right thing
- Service
- Witnessing

How do you deal with temptation when it comes?

What do you need to do to be available to the power God has for you?

- Do you need to get connected?
(Relationship)
- Do you need to get your connection clean?
(Confession/fellowship)
- Do you need to keep the current flowing without restriction?
(Be continually filled with the Holy Spirit)

What Has God shown you this morning?

What do you need to do to adjust your life to His revelation?

Memory verse: Isaiah 40:31 (NLT) "But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."