

WORSHIP

SUGGESTED WORSHIP SONGS:

Awesome God, How Great Thou Art, Shout to the Lord, Be Magnified

WELCOME

Unbelievable. Cite one miracle Jesus did in your life. How did it impact you?

WORD

EPHESIANS 3:20

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.

Some of us may have problems with addictions, relationships, careers or money, leaving us feeling empty. We cannot overcome these problems on our own. We need supernatural strength.

THE GOD WITHOUT LIMITS

God wants us to experience His power. John 6 talks about two miracles that show some of what He can do.

1. Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand (John 6:1-14; Matthew 14:13-21)

Jesus was compassionate for the large crowd that followed Him. His disciples wanted to send them away to get their own food, but Jesus instead told His disciples to give them something to eat.

Overwhelmed by the size of the crowd, the disciples focused on the problem that they saw rather than trusting Jesus. Jesus knew that they could not feed the crowd by themselves, but He wanted them to experience a what could only happen by His power.

The disciples found a boy with five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus asked for the bread and the fish, broke the bread and prayed for them. Jesus then instructed His disciples to distribute the bread and fish. As they obeyed, they began to witness a miracle. God multiplied what they had to feed the crowd. After everyone was fed, there were 12 baskets leftover.

Jesus could still have performed a miracle to feed the people even if the boy did not give the little he had. But the boy would miss the opportunity to know and witness what God could do through him and his simple act of giving. We, too, limit the power of God when we focus on our own resources and our own abilities to overcome the problem.

2. Jesus Walks on Water (John 6:15-21; Matthew 14:22-33)

Jesus told His disciples to get into a boat and go ahead of Him to the other side of the lake. Along the way, there was a storm. Jesus allowed His disciples to keep rowing the boat amidst the storm the whole night until He appeared to them nearly at daybreak.

Amidst the waves and strong winds, the disciples were terrified to see a man walking on water. Jesus told them: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter wanted to make sure it was Jesus, so Jesus commanded Peter to come to Him. Peter obeyed, got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. Peter knew that this power came from the Lord. Without the command of Jesus, he would not have the power to walk on water.

God's power is available to those whose heart is completely His (**2 Chronicles 16:9**). But the question lies on whether our hearts are completely His. How can we have that kind of heart to experience God's mighty power?

EXPERIENCE GOD'S POWER

There are important principles we are to learn and apply in our lives to help us experience God's supernatural power.

1. Admit our limitations. We cannot overcome difficult challenges by ourselves. We need to look to God for His limitless power. Like a faucet or a hose cannot produce water itself, we need to connect to the source. We are mere distributors, dependent on the spring of God's power. Experience His power by connecting to Him.

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2. Surrender to God everything. We limit God's power when we think our little is worth nothing. When we surrender the little we have, God can multiply it. He is more than able to provide the needs of His people. God is looking for hearts that are surrendered and whose trust is in Him.

3. Obey God by doing what He wants matter how challenging. We should follow God and worship Him even when our prayers seem to be unanswered or when our circumstances are unfavorable.

Jesus allows problems to test and to teach us. He is more concerned with our character than with our comfort. We will have problems, but in their midst, we will experience His power.

Many people stop following Jesus when they encounter problems. Sometimes they may not know God and do not understand His ways. When we follow the Lord, we should fix our eyes on Him, not on the problems.

The evidence of truly experiencing God's power in our life is finding rest in His presence. The power of Christ is available to those who are willing to admit that they need Him.

To experience His amazing power in our lives, we must admit our own limitations, surrender to God whatever we have and obey Him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

(Leaders: Please choose questions that are appropriate to the level of spiritual maturity of your members)

- 1. Uncontainable.** According to **Ephesians 3:20**, what is the extent and measure of God's power?
- 2. Experiencing God.** Have you experienced God's power work in your life? What did you learn from the experience?
- 3. The Source.** Our job as disciples of Jesus is to connect people to Him. In what ways can you connect people to Jesus this week?

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WALK ON WATER

What do you consider as your comfort zone? Is God instructing you to step out of it?

If you truly want to learn to walk on water like Peter in (**John 6:15-21; Matthew 14:22-33**), then get out of the boat, your comfort zone.

Getting out of the boat may be terrifying, but as long as it is Jesus Himself calling you to, you can be sure that His presence is your security, your safety and your success. Admit, surrender and obey Him.

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

I. Thanksgiving

- Worship God for who He is, what He has done, and what He will do in our lives

II. Country and the World

- Upright and moral governance of Public Servants and a God-centered Philippines
- Repentance and Salvation

III. Church

- That CCF Members would honor and love God and make disciples
- Elders, Pastors, Leaders, and Families
- Ministries and Churches worldwide

IV. CCF Facilities

- Worship and Training Center
- Prayer Mountain

V. Personal Concerns

- Deeper intimate relationship with God
- Righteous living
- Salvation of family and friends