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Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding
His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach
and to preach in their cities. 2 And when John had heard
in **prison** about the works of Christ, he sent two of his
disciples 3 and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One,
or do we look for another?”

Matthew 11:1-3

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Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John
the things which you hear and see: 5 The blind see and
the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear;
the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel
preached to them. 6 And blessed is he who is
not offended because of Me.”

Matthew 11:4-6

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WHO DO YOU TURN TO *when discouraged?*

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…are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?

Matthew 11:3

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Matthew 11:4-5

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And **that very hour He cured many** of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. 22 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard:
that the blind see, the lame walk …”

Luke 7:21-22

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Then the eyes of the **blind** shall be opened,
And the ears of the **deaf** shall be unstopped.
6 Then the **lame** shall leap like a deer, …

Isaiah 35:5–6

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The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
because the Lord has anointed Me, to preach
good tidings to the **poor**; …

Isaiah 61:1

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But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; …

Acts 1:8

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[2]

WHAT'S THE OPPOSITE OF A *Powerless Christian?*

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Having a form of godliness but denying its power…

2 Timothy 3:5

WE MAY HAVE PERFECTED THE FORM…
BUT HAVE WE LOST THE POWER?

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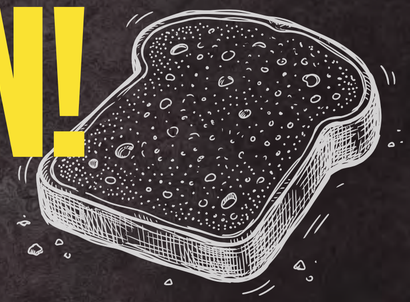
THE OPPOSITE OF A POWERLESS CHRISTIAN IS A HUNGRY CHRISTIAN!



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the question isn't

"WHERE HAS THE POWER GONE?"

but rather . . .

"WHERE HAS THE HUNGER GONE?"

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GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY SHOULD NEVER BECOME OUR EXCUSE FOR SPIRITUAL APATHY.

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YOU CAN OFTEN MEASURE YOUR HUNGER BY

WHAT YOU'RE WILLING TO INCONVENIENCE YOURSELF FOR.



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Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Matthew 5:6

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DON'T LET WHAT YOU **HAVEN'T** EXPERIENCED
STOP YOU FROM **HUNGERING**
FOR WHAT GOD'S WORD
SAYS IS **POSSIBLE**!

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WHEN A HUNGRY CHURCH ENCOUNTERS A POWERFUL GOD...

MATTHEW 11:5 BECOMES POSSIBLE!

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WHAT ABOUT *Me?*

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The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, **to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.**

Isaiah 61:1

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And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.

Matthew 11:6

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DON'T INTERPRET GOD THROUGH YOUR PRISON.



INTERPRET YOUR PRISON THROUGH GOD.

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He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32

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IS JESUS YOUR CORNERSTONE OR YOUR STUMBLING STONE?



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Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious,
and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to
shame.” 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious;
but to those who are disobedient, “The stone which the
builders rejected has become the **chief cornerstone**,”
8 and “a **stone of stumbling** and a **rock of offense**”…

1 Peter 2:6–8

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OUR RESPONSE TO JESUS DETERMINES WHETHER WE

BUILD UPON HIM

OR STUMBLE OVER HIM

WHEN HE DOESN'T MEET OUR EXPECTATIONS!

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…He who has begun a good work in you **will complete it** until the day of Jesus Christ…

Philippians 1:6

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