



ALLOW GOD'S POWER TO WORK IN YOUR LIFE

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And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
Matthew 28:18-19

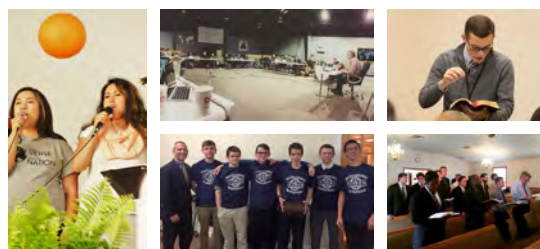
There is a West African proverb that states: Remember that when you wrestle a baby hippo, his mother is behind you in the bush.

This proverb, which seems a bit irrelevant to you unless you have hippos randomly walking through your back yard, is trying to point out the truth that just because an animal or person appears small and weak, it does not mean that they are. They may have a larger, stronger power giving them strength and support.

The Bible is an amazing book full of people doing extraordinary things. If you read Hebrews 11, you get a brief glimpse into some of the amazing things that took place: building a massive ship to survive a world wide flood, parting the Red Sea and walking a nation of people through on dry land, bringing down the massive walls of a city, killing giants....the list could go on!

Reading the Bible, you might come away thinking, "Wow! These are some strong, amazing people!" But they weren't. They were just ordinary men and women, weak and frail. But they served a great and powerful God—a God who loved them, fought for them, and protected them. In their strength they could do nothing. In His strength they were able to win stunning victories.

Often we make excuses for why we cannot be involved in world evangelism and the work being done at our church.

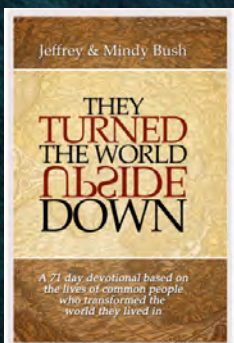


Quotes of the Day

"The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity."
– Mike Stachura

"And people who do not know the Lord ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they too are expending their lives...and when the bubble has burst they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted."
– Nate Saint

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We look at ourselves and think, "I'm no David; I'm no Paul, so I will just sit back and let someone more qualified come along and do the job." But the same God who worked through David and Paul wants to work through you. Look what Christ says in the above verse in Matthew: "All power is given unto me (Jesus)...Go ye therefore." He is saying, "Because I have all power, you can go to the World with the Gospel. Because I have all power, you can get involved in that ministry at your church. Because I have all power, you can witness to that lost friend or loved one. Because I have all power, I can use your life to change this world."

What are you going to allow the power of God to do with your life?

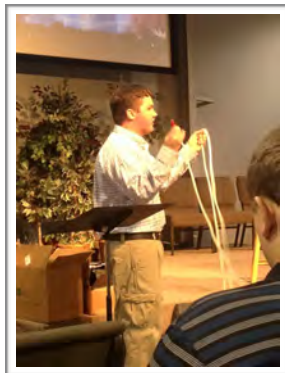


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