

## I'VE GOT THE POWER

No, I'm not talking about Snap's famous song in 1990. If that wasn't your jam in the 90s, no worries. You have likely heard it on TV, social media, or at a sporting event somewhere along your journey. I won't ask you to confess if you bobbed your head or pumped your fists while you listened to its lyrics, "I've Got the Power!"

**I am** talking about when events happen in our world that remind us we are not in control. During these moments, we have a variety of human responses. Anger, anxiety, and panic all set in. Whether we would admit it or not, we are reminded once again that we don't have the power we wish we had. Our desire is for the fear causing agent to be vanquished. We long to feel in control and at peace. Despite our desires, the world keeps spinning, and crazy things keep happening. We might ignore our anger, anxiety, and panic, but they are still there under the surface, plaguing our physical and spiritual bodies.

How do we live free from this burden? There is only one way.

First, we have to acknowledge our weakness and be content with it.

### **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

*9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

Second, we must admit there are evil oppositional powers at work in the world while refusing to cower to them.

Third, we need to acknowledge the power of Jesus Christ to control and conquer the enemy and hold onto us no matter what may be happening around us.

### **Romans 8:37-39**

*37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Finally, we accept the power given to us that empowers us to hope. With this, we have everything we need to live the way he has called us to (2 Peter 1:3). Jesus is our pathway to peace.

### **Romans 15:13**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

Say it with me. When the anger, fear, and panic well up inside you, say it to the enemy. **I've Got the Power!**

Wishing you a hopeful week in Jesus Christ.

Shalom,  
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