

Tides part 2: Power

Declaration:

- My eyes are on Jesus
- My heart is tuned to His Spirit
- My ears are listening to His voice
- My mind will believe what He says
- My voice will declare the truth of His word

A couple of weeks ago, I felt the Lord lead me to talk about 2 Timothy 3:5 a little bit. Character and power - we are made in His image. We spoke a bit about character. This week I feel led to share on power. What does this look like on us?

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NIV) - But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—⁵**having a form of godliness but denying its power.** Have nothing to do with such people.

Romans 1:20 - "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—**his eternal power and divine nature**—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."

We can see it!

Having a [form] of godliness], but denying it's power...

The word says having a **form**, my mind is drawn to Genesis.

Genesis 1:26 (NIV) - Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 2:7 (NIV) - Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

John 20:21–22 (NIV) - Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. → He spoke and breathed peace on them."

At creation, our bodies and our eternal soul made in His image. Then, Jesus breathes on us again and sends the Holy Spirit. So, now we have been transformed into a new creation - spirit, soul, and body. One that reflects the fullness of Jesus.

We were made in the image (or form/likeness) of God. Then God said something to me that I thought was pretty cool.

Your form determines your function!

To explain this a little, I thought about something simple... cars. (*picture slideshow*) side-note -> all cars are supposed to GO!!

Does our function look like His? Jesus upped the ante when He said we would do greater things.

Ephesians 3:20–21: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

Is your life surrounded by greater things?

- What kind of power are we looking for? We sometimes get things twisted...

Acts 8:9–24 (NIV) - Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great,¹⁰ and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is rightly called the Great Power of God."¹¹ They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his sorcery.¹² But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.¹³ Simon himself

believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw. ¹⁴When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money ¹⁹and said, "Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." ²⁰Peter answered: "May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! ²¹You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. ²²Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. ²³For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin." ²⁴Then Simon answered, "Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me." — **No spirit mediums or senses! Partnership!**

2 Timothy 1:6–7 (NKJV) - Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of

power and of love and of a sound mind.

His power
to accomplish
the will of the
Father.

Acts 1:8 (NIV) - But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

WHERE'S THE POWER IN HIS CHURCH??!! (We Are His Church, what are we building)

You may say, that's not me. I can't do it because of... Let's see what the word says...

2 Corinthians 4:7: "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us."

2 Corinthians 12:9: "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 about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

2 Peter 1:3: "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

The scriptures often use a specific greek word, **dunamis**, for power.

1. Power - possession of controlling influence; often understood as manifesting influence over reality in a supernatural manner.
2. Miracle-power/miracle working - a miracle

especially understood as the manifestation of great power.

3. ability(quality) - the quality of being able to perform especially a quality that permits or facilitates achievement or accomplishment.

(impact, influence, miracles, authority) - does this sound like God's character? That's what He's imparting on those made in His image. So, this should be something that we have an innate familiarity with. Instead, we tiptoe around it or ignore it completely and we wonder why we don't see it all around us. Like the pharisees and people, show us a miracle, a sign, He says LOOK AT YOU and LOOK AROUND YOU!!

– **How did Jesus model power for us?**

(Meekness and Self-control) in contrast to the sons of Thunder!

When it came to the mission, POWER, when it was for himself, He was submitted. He knew who He was, what He possessed and He didn't fret. Come on... (Stephen martyred)

Isaiah 53:7 (NIV) - He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

Isaiah 53:10 (NIV) - Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

Isaiah 53:12 (NIV) - Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

John 19:5–11 (NIV) - When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" ⁶As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him." ⁷The Jewish leaders insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, ⁹and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer.

¹⁰"Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?"

¹¹Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

Jesus
talks us
about:
power &
THE
SOURCE!

- **What is needed to see our lives & communities changed?**

We have life because of the Spirit. Are we keeping in step with Him? Have we fallen asleep to the tune of the world, the enemy or fear/anxiety? We read the word earlier, that

it's not the spirit we were given, so don't accept it. Return to sender!!

Get up and Go!

We need worshippers, intercessors, spiritual mothers and fathers to rise up. We need the people of God operating in the gifts that the Father has given. Stir up those gifts!! It doesn't have to look or sound a certain way. Offer it up to God to use as He sees fit. Be faithful to obey His leading.

Someone once said, "People are sometimes surprised when God moves in a mighty way. I'm surprised if He doesn't"

**The possibility of the miraculous(doubtful hope) vs the probability of the miraculous.

If we believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that His Spirit was sent for us, to live in us, do we believe that He would sit mute and lifeless as people cry for help? So, if we move and nothing happens, be shocked that we don't see it yet and move forward!

Did you notice that the disciples seemed to always be in the right place at the right time and saying and doing the right things? That's what the yielding and empowerment of the Holy Spirit looks like on us. Be faithful to step out!

What's supernatural to us is natural to Him!

Our function according to the form we've been given is one of Godliness. It will operate in His character and His power if we allow Him reign over our lives. So, we SHOULD see - > miracles, signs, wonders, healings,

resurrection, freedom, breakthrough and transformed regions & atmospheres. Our lives and fruit will not be dead, but alive and vibrant.

Galatians 5:19-25 (NIV) - "The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**"