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THE POWER OF

FAITH

Matthew 17 (NIV)

14 When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. 15 “Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. 16 I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.” 17 “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.”

Matthew 17 (NIV)

18 Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” 20 He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

FAITH

The word 'FAITH' is rendered in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. The letter 'I' is replaced by a bright, glowing white cross. The cross has a soft purple and blue aura around it. A beam of light from the cross illuminates a path on the floor below it.

Faith

- Faith in Jesus involves trust in Him as God & Savior

22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:22-23 NIV)

- It is a belief in His identity & His work

9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9 NIV)

Faith

- It is trusting Jesus completely & without reservation

28 When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” “Yes, Lord,” they replied. 29 Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you”; (Matthew 9:28-29 NIV)

Faith

- Faith results in salvation & righteousness

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. (1 John 5:1 NIV)

- Salvation is through Jesus alone

*6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
(John 14:6 NIV)*

Faith

- Jesus' miracles often occurred in response to faith
- Faith in Jesus grants access to the Father

*12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God
(John 1:12 NIV)*

- It is belief in eternal life through Jesus (John 3:16)

Faith

- Faith is believing without seeing

29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” (John 20:29 NIV)

- Faith grows through hearing the word of God

17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. (Romans 10:17 NIV)

Faith

- Faith in Jesus brings peace & assurance

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7 NIV)



God's Power

Our Power

God's Power

- God spoke the universe into existence
- His power exceeds all understanding

19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. (Ephesians 1:19-21 NIV)

God's Power

- God raised Jesus from the dead, demonstrating His ultimate power
- God sustains & upholds all things

3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. (Hebrews 1:3 NIV)

God's Power

- God's power is perfected in our weakness

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 Corinthians 12:9 NIV)

- Miracles in the Bible showcase God's power

God's Power

- Prayer unleashes God's power

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. (Acts 4:31 NIV)

- God strengthens us with His power

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, (Ephesians 3:16 NIV)

God's Power

- God provides for all our needs

19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19 NIV)

- God's power ensures our inheritance & eternal life
(1 Peter 1:3-5 NIV)

God's Power

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, 5 who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5 NIV)



**Satan's
Power**

Satan's Power

- Satan was an angel who rebelled against God
- He is the head of a kingdom of evil spirits

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41 NIV)

- Satan accuses believers before God
(Job 1:6-12)

Satan's Power

6 One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. 7 The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it." 8 Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

Satan's Power

9 “Does Job fear God for nothing?” Satan replied. 10 “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. 11 But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face.” (Job 1:6-11 NIV)

Satan's Power

- Satan deceives the whole world (Revelation 12:9)
- Satan tempts individuals to sin (Matthew 4:1-11)
- Satan is called the ruler of this world

*30 I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me,
(John 14:30 NIV)*

- Satan can cause suffering (Job 1-2)

Satan's Power

- Satan's power is limited & under God's control

12 The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord. (Job 1:12 NIV)

- Jesus defeated Satan's power through the cross

31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. (John 12:31 NIV)

Satan's Power

- Satan will be ultimately defeated & cast into the lake of fire

10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Revelation 20:10 NIV)

Main Point

Faith in Jesus is essential for salvation and experiencing God's power. Despite Satan's influence, believers have the assurance of victory through Christ.

Questions

- How can we grow in our faith?
- In what ways have you experienced the power of God in your life?
- How can we recognize and resist the power of Satan daily?

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A scenic view of a beach with waves, a large white cross on the left, and birds in the sky.

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