

THE POWER OF GOD – 4
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REVIEW:

- **ACTS 4:31-33** – Prayer, passion, proclamation.
- **JAMES 5:16 (AMPC)** – Prayer generates place shaking power.
- Acknowledged: God’s power, Word, the threats, their desires.

CONTINUE:

1. Prayer

2. Passion – ACTS 4:32

- A.** Passionate about serving God and one another in love, and promoting unity and equality among the people. Unity creates a force the enemy can’t penetrate, makes a highway for God to move, and makes it easier to achieve our goals.
- B.** **PSALMS 63:1-3** – They were passionate about having God’s power and glory manifesting among them.
- C.** Their prayer and passion produced great power to witness the resurrection and great grace to overcome the challenges.
- D.** Compassion moved Jesus to manifest God’s power (**MATTHEW 14:14**). Jesus came to seek and save lost and hurting people. Even those rejected by society and the religious self-righteous.
 - Woman at the well. A Samaritan, considered a second-class citizen by the Jews and rejected by her own for living an immoral lifestyle. Jesus approached her and offered her living water.
 - Children. He blessed them when others wanted them removed.
 - Woman in adultery. Jesus showed her compassion, mercy and forgiveness, while the self-righteous wanted her publicly shamed and stoned.
 - Prostitutes and tax collectors. He ate with them in order to save them and use them in His work, while others despised and rejected them.
 - Thomas and Peter. He reassured Thomas’ faith and forgave Peter for denying Him.
 - The sick. The power of compassion moved Him to touch lepers, the unclean, and bring healing to those in need.
 - Jesus was passionate about extending God’s love, mercy and forgiveness to everyone.
 - The Scribes, Pharisees and self-righteous. Jesus was passionate about exposing their hypocrisy. **MATTHEW 23:13-33**
 - Paul (**ACTS 13:10-11**) demonstrated the same passion toward evil.

3. Proclamation - ACTS 4:33

- A.** Prayer, passion and now proclamation. To proclaim means to declare and make known. **LUKE 4:18-19**
- B.** The gospel is the good news that Jesus saves, delivers, heals, restores, liberates and provides for every need one may have.
- C.** **1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-24 (NLT)** What’s foolish to those headed for destruction (Jew or Gentile) is the power and wisdom of God to those called by God (Jew or Gentile).

CONCLUSION:

The power that shook the place then is available to us today. If we desire to shake our world for Jesus as they did, we must go back to the basics of prayer, passion and proclamation, so that great power and grace rest on us as it did them.