

Walking in the power and authority of God

See the supernatural become natural!

Acts 1:8

8 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.”

Matthew 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

John 14:10

10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

Luke 6:36-37

36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

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During Jesus' ministry, He not only taught about the power and authority of God but also demonstrated it through various miracles, signs, and wonders.

His purpose was to show us how to operate in that same power.

Jesus healed every person who approached Him, cast out demons, and even raised the dead.

Despite being the Son of God, He humbled Himself by setting aside His divinity and taking on humanity.

He emphasized that He could do nothing without the Father, serving as an example for us to follow.

Jesus wanted us to understand that we too can do what He did.

In John 14:10, He said, "Don't you know that the Father is living in me and I am living in the Father? Even my words are not my own but come from my Father.

He lives in me and performs miracles.

" Furthermore, Jesus assured His followers that those who have faith in Him and believe in Him will not only do the same mighty miracles but even greater ones.

John 14:12-13

"The person who follows me in faith, believing in me, will do the same mighty miracles that I do - even greater miracles than these because I go to be with my Father.

This is how the Son will show what the Father is really like and bring Him glory. I will do whatever you ask me to do in my name."

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Jesus imparted all power and authority first to His disciples when He commissioned them (Luke 10:18-20, Matthew 28:18), and later to the church when the Promise of the Holy Spirit was released in Acts 2.

Through the Holy Spirit, we now have access to the same power and authority of God.

The Greek word for Holy Spirit, Parakletos, means "one called to stand next to you as a helper."

He serves as our Counsellor, Comforter, Advocate, and Helper.

The Translator of the Passion Bible even suggests that the word "Saviour" is not adequate to fully depict His role, as He protects, defends, saves us from ourselves and the enemy, and keeps us whole and healed.

Jesus came to free us from the effects of sin and save us from its every consequence!

We have been given an incredible gift and resource in the Holy Spirit.

Let us dive deeper into the power, authority, and help that He provides, and begin to walk in it today.

As we do, we will witness the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to do even greater works of miracles and experience the supernatural becoming natural!

Galatians 5:6

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is **faith expressing itself through love**.

The compassion of Jesus

The gospels are full of Jesus expressing compassion for the outcast, the poor, the sick, and the oppressed.

His compassion was unconditional, it was complete and it reflected the very nature of God.

We see our role as seeking to be Christlike in our compassion for those who suffer.

Jesus' compassion is looking at people with the eyes of Jesus!

Luke 6:36-37

36 Be merciful/ compassionate, just as your Father is merciful/ compassionate.

37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Look at people with the eyes of Jesus!

The story about a man called Caleb

Once upon a time, in a small village nestled amidst rolling green hills, there lived a young man named Caleb.

Caleb was known for his kind heart and unwavering compassion for those who were considered outcasts by society.

He had a deep understanding that true compassion had no boundaries, and he strived to reflect the very nature of God in his actions.

One sunny morning, as Caleb walked through the bustling marketplace, he noticed a frail old woman sitting alone on a worn-out bench.

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Her tattered clothes and weary eyes spoke volumes of the hardships she had endured.

Without hesitation, Caleb approached her and offered a warm smile.

"Good morning, ma'am. **Is there anything I can do to help you today?**" he asked gently.

The old woman looked up, her eyes filled with surprise and gratitude.

"Oh, young man, I am but a poor widow, struggling to make ends meet.

I have not eaten in days, and my strength is waning."

Caleb's heart ached for the woman's plight, and he knew that he had to do something to alleviate her suffering.

With a determined spirit, he guided her to a nearby food stall and purchased a hearty meal for her.

As they sat together, sharing the simple feast, Caleb listened intently to the old woman's stories of her struggles and triumphs.

Days turned into weeks, and weeks into months, as Caleb continued his mission of compassion.

He sought out the outcasts, the poor, the sick, and the oppressed, just as Jesus had done in the gospels.

He visited the sick in their homes, bringing them comfort and healing.

He spoke out against injustice, advocating for the rights of the oppressed.

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And he opened his heart and his home to those who had nowhere else to turn.

Through his actions, Caleb became a beacon of hope in the village.

People began to see the transformative power of compassion and were inspired to follow in his footsteps.

Together, they formed a community that was built on love, empathy, and a deep desire to help those who suffered.

As the years passed, Caleb's reputation spread far and wide.

People from neighbouring villages sought his guidance and support, knowing that he would never turn them away.

His unwavering compassion became a symbol of hope for all who had lost faith in humanity.

In the end, Caleb's journey taught him that true compassion knows no bounds.

It is not limited by societal norms or personal gain.

Instead, it is a reflection of the divine love that resides within each and every one of us.

And as Caleb looked back on his life, he knew that he had truly lived a Christlike existence, embracing the suffering of others and offering them the compassion they so desperately needed.

And so, the legacy of Caleb's compassion lived on, inspiring generations to come to seek out the outcast, the poor, the sick, and the oppressed.

For they knew that in doing so, they were not only changing lives but also reflecting the very nature of God.

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See the supernatural become natural, by living and acting like Jesus did!

My prayer is that I become like Jesus. Therefore I humble myself under the Love and compassion of Jesus.

**Father, from day to day transform me to the likeness of Jesus.
Amen**