

Last week we talked about how the Father wants to strengthen our inner man through the power of the Holy Spirit. It can feel a little overwhelming at times, maturing in Christ through the tough times, dealing with hard situations, and allowing His Lordship to reign supreme in our own personal growth areas. This week's section of Scripture is the Father's exclamation point on the principles we've been learning lately:

Ephesians 3:20,21: *Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, ²¹ to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

When we talk about dying to our Us-Them tendencies, being all that the Father created us to be and do, and intentionally allow Him to strengthen our inner person (Soul/Psyche) through the power of the Holy Spirit – we need to fully embrace the true nature and character of our Father. We can't afford to shrink back to mere human thinking – we need to understand that He is able to do ABUNDANTLY BEYOND ALL WE ASK OR THINK – not according to the circumstances or situations surrounding us – not according to our abilities or lack thereof, and not according to our feelings, perceptions, ideas, etc – but according to His POWER (Dynamis) that is working within us.

We often measure the seriousness of a situation according to our power, ability, or wherewithal to deal with it - not according to the ability of God to deal with it.

We should never measure problems by our capacity to deal with them. We should always try to look at things from His perspective, not ours.

When a situation seems like there is no hope, we are prone to give up hope. If something seems insurmountable to us, we often give into the fear, worry, dread, etc.

We must remember, as Jesus Followers, we are not dealing with the limitations of man, but with the unlimited ability of God.

I love this quote from Pastor Chuck Smith that illustrates this:

“We oftentimes are intimidated by certain diseases, by certain illnesses, because they have been diagnosed by man as incurable. Thus, we have a different prayer for Leukemia than we do earaches, or headaches. ‘Lord, he has got a headache, relieve him, Lord, help him to really be able to function today. Thank you, Lord.’ No problem. If God doesn't come through, take an aspirin. ‘Leukemia, No! Oh, God, help! God, oh Lord God of heaven.’ Man - leukemia, you have got to really pray for that. It takes really getting worked up into that one. That's tough. Hey, it is no more difficult for God to heal leukemia than it is a

common cold. God doesn't have these categories of difficult or easy or impossible. They don't exist with God. He is able to do exceedingly abundantly, and we need to remember this when we pray. We need in prayer to be freed from our human limitations and this idea of difficulty.”

This morning, I want us to be reminded of the truth concerning the Nature and Character of the Father as it concerns His omnipotence and give thanks to Him for who He is in our lives!

He asked Jeremiah a simple question – I believe a rhetorical question – that we need to honestly ask ourselves:

Jeremiah 32:26,27 *Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, ²⁷ “Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me?”*

An angel spoke a simple yet profound truth to Mary, the mother of Jesus:

Luke 1:37 *For nothing will be impossible with God.*

From the beginning of Creation and throughout all of creation we see His omnipotence.

Colossians 1:16,17 *For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities— all things have been created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*

Romans 1:20 *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.*

The Psalms are full of declarations of the omnipotence of God. Here is just one example:

Psalm 147:1-6

Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;

For it is pleasant and praise is becoming.

² *The Lord builds up Jerusalem;*

He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ *He heals the brokenhearted*

And binds up their wounds.

⁴ *He counts the number of the stars;*

He gives names to all of them.

*⁵ Great is our Lord and abundant in strength;
His understanding is infinite.
⁶ The Lord supports the afflicted;
He brings down the wicked to the ground.*

The truth of His omnipotence doesn't eliminate challenges, trials, and tribulations in our midst – it gives us the ability to focus on something/Someone that transcends them all, Him:

John 10:7-11; 27-29 *So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ¹¹ “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.
²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.*

Daniel 3:17,18 *If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.*

There are so many verses that teach and reinforce the Truth of His omnipotence, I listed some more after the Hale Pule Question for you to meditate on.

Let's close off with this as we enter into worship:

Jude 1:24,25 *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.*

Hale Pule Question:

How can you allow the truth of His exceedingly, abundantly, more than you can ask or imagine power and presence be a practical and powerful principle in your daily life?

More verses to meditate on concerning His omnipotence in your life:

Job 42:1,2 *Then Job answered the Lord and said, ² “I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.”*

Isaiah 40:28,29 *Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth
Does not become weary or tired.
His understanding is inscrutable.
²⁹ He gives strength to the weary,
And to him who lacks might He increases power.*

Jeremiah 32:17 *Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by
Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You*

John 1:1,2 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the
Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being
through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*

2 Corinthians 9:8 *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always
having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good
deed;*

Hebrews 7:25 *Therefore He is able also to save forever (completely) those who draw
near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.*

Ephesians 1:18-23 *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that
you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His
inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power
toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of
His might ²⁰ which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead
and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and
authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this
age but also in the one to come. ²² And He put all things in subjection under His feet,
and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness
of Him who fills all in all.*