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What is the Interface?

- Lights have switches
- Appliances have plugs
- Cars have fuel tanks
- Christians have....?
- Is your switch on?
- Are you plugged in?
- Is your fuel tank full?
- After six lessons on how to use the power of God, do we know how to do these things?

How Power Changes Perspective

- Travel by foot. \approx 20 Miles
- Travel by horse & carriage 20-40 Miles
- Pony Express \approx 180 Miles
- Ship from UK to USA 1.5 to 2 months
- Oregon Trail 4 to 6 months

- Car & Asphalt \approx 1000 Miles
- Airplane \approx 9000 Miles
- Rocket into Orbit \approx 17,500 mph
- In orbit 16 times a day \approx 400,000 Miles
- No problem to plan a business trip halfway around the world tomorrow and back next day.

Do We see This Spiritually?

- *29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.*
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- *Shall renew their strength;*
- *They shall mount up with wings like eagles,*
- *They shall run and not be weary,*
- *They shall walk and not faint.*
- **Do we see the parallel? Can we do this?**

Awareness?

- *You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You. Trust in the **LORD (YHWH)** forever, For in **Yah, (YAHH)** the **LORD, (YHWH)** is everlasting strength. Isa. 26:3-4*
- *He Himself has said, “**I will never leave you nor forsake you.**” 6 So we may boldly say: “**The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?**” Heb 13:5-6*
- This awareness brought David to Goliath, Abraham to Canaan, Moses to Egypt, Daniel - den

Looking and Seeing?

- *For since the creation of the world His **invisible attributes** are clearly seen, being understood by **the things that are made**, even His **everlasting power** and **divine nature**, so that they are without excuse, Rom 1:20-21*
- ***This is my Father's world**, And to my listening ears, All nature sings and round me rings, The music of the spheres.*
- If we do this and become aware, nothing is too hard for the LORD.

Things we Can Do

- *Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise Jas 5:13*
- How Great Thou Art
- This is My Father's World
- All Creatures of our God and King
- All Things Praise Thee
- Our God He is Alive
- Great is thy faithfulness
- Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah
- A Mighty Fortress is Our God
- Holy, Holy, Holy
- Joyful Joyful, We adore Thee
- To God Be The Glory
- If we get into the habit of keeping this command, we will find it greatly strengthening

God's Interventions

- The flood, Sodom, Egypt, 185,000 Assyrians
- Answered prayers:
- Solomon – wisdom; Elijah – rain
- **Jesus Miracles:**
- Calming & walking on Sea; feeding 5000;
- Healing disease: blind, lame, paralyzed, sick
- Raising the dead
- *And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Mt. 28:20*

I am with you always

- Are we aware and confident?
- *For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also **effectively works** (**energéō – energizes**) **in you who believe.** 1Th. 2:13*
- Does Jesus promise to be with us “energize” us? Do we feel the confidence and peace?
- Has our unique perspective of power in travel translated into a unique perspective of God’s Power?

The Centurion's "Unique" Perspective

- The Centurion is a Roman, but had heard of Jesus works and using his own power had formed some "unique" conclusions.
- When his servant became "*dreadfully tormented*" He sent to Jesus for help.
- When Jesus stopped His work to come, the centurion's view point was revealed to Jesus.

Centurion's "Unique" Perspective

- *The centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. 7 Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. 8 For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." Luke 7:6-8*

Why Was Jesus Amazed?

- The Centurion, witnessing Jesus power made applications no one in Israel, (including His apostles) had made.
- *When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! 11 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. Matt 8:10-13*
- Jesus amazement reveals how difficult it is.

Can We Be Like the Centurion?

- He used his own understanding of power, and applying it to Jesus created a faith greater than all Israel has produced!
- We too have a unique perspective of power. If we can use it as the centurion did, will not Jesus be just as pleased?

Comparing Perspectives

- How would explain in 1776 soon be possible to:
- See / speak to someone anywhere in the world
- Travel through the sky making the journey from Europe to the new world < 1 day.
- Watch the events all over the world from a box.
- They could never believe it!
- Power we take for granted in a computer, cell phone, furnace, television, or rocket would be beyond their ability to even imagine.
- They could not the leap we can easily make since it is all around us.
- Yet their inability to imagine it would not deter us from our own confidence.

Comparing Perspectives

- *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 were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. Jn. 1:1-4*
- *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, Jn. 1:14*
- He tried to tell us exactly what we would tell those in 1776, but on an infinitely higher level.

Comparing Perspectives

- The magnitude of His power only dimly illustrated by His miracles.
- Even His transfiguration only revealed some of the greatness of what lay beneath that flesh.
- This is what the centurion saw and what led Jesus to praise him.
- It is what we are expected to see and every possible method we have should be used to do this.

Profits us Nothing if We Don't See

● *Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all. 12 Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all.” 1Chr. 29:11-12*

● The application of hearing what the material creation sings is the understanding that all things come from Him.

Our Greatest Challenge

- Applying this every day as the Centurion.
- His dominion over power must bring confidence and boldness.
- We don't fear the car starting or there won't be any hot water.
- We through life confident of electricity.
- The great confidence we have in God's power in the material creation we are using should translated to God's power in the spiritual creation accessed through Scripture

Must be Monitoring Ourselves

- Like the centurion, power is the springboard catapulting us into that same bold confidence in God and His power.
- If we truly want to know the joy of being “*more than conquerors through Him that loved us,*”
- We must make these applications.
- If we want to gain the victory that overcomes the world, we will find it in our faith.