

Nothing Will Keep Me from Jesus

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Nothing Will Keep Me from Jesus. Nothing. Have you ever made this statement only to find yourself drifting far from him again? Have you read the Bible and seen the power of God to heal the sick and cause the blind to see and wonder where that power is today? Do you sometimes feel as though you are living a mediocre life at best and long for the more than abundant life that Jesus promised?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, you are not alone. But if the Word of God is true, and I believe it is, the answer to these questions must be in His Word and the longing of our hearts can be satisfied.

Romans 1:1-4

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God-the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word *power* in verse 4 of this passage is the Greek work *dunamis* which means special miraculous power. It is the power given to John the Baptist to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. (Luke 1:17) It is the power spoken by the angel that told Mary that she would give birth to a son who would be called the Son of God. (Luke 1:35) It is also the power that amazed people as they saw Jesus speak with an authority that even caused the evil spirits to obey him. (Luke 4:36) It is the power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead! (Romans 1:4)

Some additional verses that I urge you to check out on your own are: Matthew 6:13, 22:29, 24:30, 26:64, Mark 9:1, 12:24, 13:26,14:62, Luke 4:14, 5:17,9:11,10:19, 21:27, 22:69, 24:49

Without question, Paul is one of the greatest leaders since Jesus Christ. The book of Romans offers the most systematic teaching in the Bible about the human dilemma and God's solution for it. A key to great power and practical leadership is found even in his opening statement in

Romans 1:1: Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus. Even before an apostle and preacher of the gospel he declares himself a servant, and not a slave unwilling to serve but a bond servant, one who willingly attaches himself to his master. This is a great principal of leadership and a key to walking in great power.

As women who have professed Jesus Christ as Lord we have received the same kind of power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Acts 1:8 But you will receive power (dunamis) when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Since we receive power when we receive the Holy Spirit, we have the ability to walk in a manner that manifests this power in our day to day lives. The key is to willingly attach yourself to Jesus Christ, to let nothing keep you from Jesus!

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