

# The Spirit of Power

The Spirit of Life - Week 9 (11-29-23)

2 Timothy 1:6-10

## I. Luke 10:9 - Dunamis vs Exousia

### A. Exousia - Authority - Ability; privilege; force; capacity; competency; freedom

#### 1. Matt. 7:29 and 28:18

a) We must recognize the authority that we have been given before we will ever use it.

(1) You will never get pulled over by a cop that forgets that he has been authorized and empowered by the local government.

(2) We must be trained in how to handle it confidently and gracefully. Like a law enforcement officer

b) 1 Corin. 8:9 - We cannot get overly confident with the freedom that we have been given.

(1) We can allow our freedoms to go to our head and forget that it was a gift given for the purpose of service.

(2) With great power comes great responsibility

### B. Dunamis - Force; power; miracle; ability; abundance; meaning. Also translated as mighty, strength, virtue, mighty work

#### 1. Acts 1:8, 1 Timothy 1:7

#### 2. The gun that enforces the authority of the badge

#### 3. God does not give you Dunamis without first giving you Exousia

a) Hebrews 11:11 - Sara receive strength (Dunamis) after God made a covenant with she and Abraham.

## II. God's power is in His presence

### A. Exodus 33:7-17

### B. Mark 5:30 - Virtue = Dunamis

1. It wasn't about the physical touch. Hundreds of people were touching Him in this moment, but this woman ***touched*** Him.

a) Just because God's presence and power is there doesn't mean it automatically manifests.

(1) Luke 5:16-17

(2) Mark 6:5-6

### C. Things that block God's power in our lives (DL):

1. Spirit of fear

2. Secret sin

3. Doubt

4. Religious ungodly tradition

5. A wounded spirit

6. Unyielding hard hearted spirit

- a) These all limit our connection with God and the Holy Spirit; His presence.
- D. The key that unlocked the power of God in Jesus' life
  - 1. Matt. 3:13-17
    - a) A very personal anointing of the Holy Spirit that drove Him into His call and ministry.
  - 2. It's that anointing of the Holy Spirit that will usher in the power of God in our lives as well.
    - a) Acts 1:8
      - (1) If you read through the book of Acts you will notice that there are multiple times where they are filled with the Spirit. We need to be continually seeking a deeper connection with God and filling with His Spirit because that is where the power is.
    - b) Don't forget that the power is for much more than just your self development!