Intimacy

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Text: Ephesians 3:20 Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

Introduction: God is doing a new thing, it doesn't start with a program, but with a person. The Holy Spirit is calling you to intimacy because power flows through His intimacy. The same resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead is working in you right now to destroy Satan's works and heal a broken world.

1. Cultivate INTIMACY: The Source of All Power

Your prayer closet is your power plant. Intimacy is not a passive feeling; it is active connection that rewires your inner being.

• Pray to be strengthened!

Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; ¹⁷ That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

• Take Action – Pursue the Revelation of Jesus!

Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: ¹⁸ The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰ Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²² And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

Like Paul on the Damascus Road (Acts 26), encounter Jesus personally. Don't just say prayers; seek the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

Ephesians 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

2. Embrace CONFLICT: The Catalyst for Power

Your present struggles are not setbacks; they are set-ups for God's power to be manifested. Your weakness is the platform for His strength.

- 2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.
 - Take Action Resist identifying with weakness. Stop praying for the conflict to simply go away. Instead, in your infirmities, reproaches, and distresses, glory "Give God Praise" in them so that "the power of Christ may rest upon you."

This is how you stop Satan's work by letting Jesus' Grace and Power overwhelm your weakness.

• Jesus expects the enemy under your feet!

Hebrews 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; ¹³ From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

• John reveals Jesus' purpose!

1 John 3:8b "---For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

3. Release MINISTRY: The Outflow of His Power

The power working in you is not for you alone. It is a river meant to flow out to bring order to chaos, freedom to the captive, and healing to the sick.

John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. ³⁸ He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

- Take Action Release the River! You have His Spirit!
- 1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, then is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Now Let Him Flow!

Minister to others

Colossians 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Pray for the sick, awaken the lost, and teach the saints, believing God will do "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think."

The call is clear - Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

Draw Near in intimate prayer.

Stand Firm in your conflicts, knowing they release power.

Reach Out and let the river of the Spirit flow through you to destroy the works of the devil.

Press until you possess, for the limitless power of God is already working in you. Philippians 3:7-21

Worship God through your First-Fruits, Tithes, and Sacrifices – After 3 years of no rain, like Elisha went after Elijah, sacrifice what you have for what God has called you to next!

1 Kings 19:19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.