

God's Power

Ephesians 1.19-23

Key Points:

- God is more powerful than you think - He raised Jesus from the dead and seated Him far above all other powers and authorities (no wiggle room!!)
- God's power demonstrated through Jesus' authority is for the benefit of the church (v.22)
- Paul's prayer is for us to know (Greek - **by seeing!**) the greatness of God's power **for us**. Our expectations should always exceed our experiences. We begin to see God's power breaking through as we spend time with Him in prayer - handing over our impossible situations, and aligning our thoughts, hopes and expectations to His.

Questions:

1. Share an experience of where you've felt completely powerless.
2. When you feel powerless, how do you react? Do you try and control the situation, hide your head in the sand, or something else?
3. What is your reaction to the word 'power'? Have you had any negative or positive experiences of powerful people?
4. How powerful is God? Why do we struggle to believe what the bible says about His power? If you struggle to believe that God is powerful or that He loves you and is for you, maybe take some time praying in 2s and 3s.
5. Do your expectations of God exceed your experiences of Him acting in Your life and in the lives of those around you?
6. What does Paul mean by his Jesus quote - "*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*" (2 Cor 12.9)?
7. Next time you're faced with an impossible situation, how will you (now) respond?
8. What areas of your life, or the lives of people God has put on your heart would you love to see God's power break through in? What will you do about it?
[If you missed Sunday morning - take a bit of string and put a knot in it for every person or situation that you're willing to commit to pray for long-term]