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I wonder if we have become more of a watching people rather than an experiencing people

Watch – observe

Experience – know

Am I an observer or a knower?

Observe: watch without taking part

Know: to have an encounter with

In 1 Corinthians 4 Paul is addressing an observing people who are talking like they are a knowing people

1 Corinthians 4:19 But I will come to you very soon, if the Lord is willing, and then I will find out not only how these arrogant people are talking, but what power they have.

1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

Dunamis: Strength, Power, Ability

- Power for performing miracles
- Moral power and excellence of soul
- The power and influence which belong to riches and wealth
- Power and resources arising from numbers

Do we want to Know His Power?

There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r In the blood of the Lamb; There is pow'r, pow'r, wonder-working pow'r In the precious blood of the Lamb. Would you be free from the burden of sin?

Would you o'er evil a victory win?

Would you be free from your passion and pride?

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?

Would you do service for Jesus your King?

Would you live daily His praises to sing?

Live a life of "knowing His Power" will leave us with no regrets

Do we want to Know His Power?

Am I an Observer?

Am I a Knower?

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Power comes through the Spirit

Ephesians 1:13

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit...

Spirit comes through being in Christ

A relationship with Jesus the Spirit is in us The Spirit in us there is power

No relationship with Jesus no Spirit No Spirit no power The power will cause supernatural actions

Acts 8:29-30 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it." Then Philip ran up to the chariot...

Power to leave our place and join Jesus in His place

The Observer will want Jesus to join them a Knower will join Jesus

Acts 16:22-25

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

Power to experience great trial and injustice and stay in the Walk

The Observer will succumb to the hardship, the Knower will be steadfast

Luke 8 Vs 45-46 "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

Vs 47

Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at His feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched Him and how she had been instantly healed.

Power that heals and restores

The Observer will hear stories of healing and restoration; the Knower will experience healing and restoration

Acts 4:31

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Power that enables one to speak the Word boldly

The Observer will talk about the Word and the Knower will speak the Word Acts 6:8 Now Stephen, a man full of God's grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.

Miracle:

Actions that only can come from Divine Power through a Knower of that Power dispensed into a world in need of that Power

Power to demonstrate wonders and miraculous signs

The Observer will only be told of the stories; the Knower will be the story writers

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hope: holding onto the promises of God no matter what is going on around you

Power to overflow with hope

The Observer will wish the Knower will hope

The Knower

Galatians 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

How do I walk in the Spirit?

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Acknowledge Surrender Know His Power Step His way

Knowing God's Power will leave us with a day, week, month, year, and a life with no regrets