

This week Pastor Andy brings us Part 3 of the four-part series "God's Toughest Jobs" with the message entitled "He is Dependable."

Have you ever thought about how tough it must be for God to communicate with you? What if He's been trying to tell you something for a long time now and you just aren't getting it? It seems most people look for a sign from God in those times of greatest need yet ignore the answer. What if God just wants to tell you that He is a powerful God who is faithful, vigilant, and dependable?

To fully appreciate how dependable God is, you should first recognize His power. Consider the beauty of the heavens..."they are a marvelous display of His craftsmanship" (Psalm 19 1-2). God spoke all things into existence (Gen. 1-2), so there is no limit to the evidence of His power around you. If that were not enough, Jesus demonstrated His power as God to calm storms, heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out demons. Remember that we serve a powerful God who is creator and ruler over all things.

Worshipping an all-powerful God is great, but you might ask "What power does He have in my life?" Maybe you're saying "I've been praying for years for God to fix this thing. When is He going to answer me?" Perhaps the greatest evidence of His power in your life is not that he changes your circumstances, but that he changes you instead. He gives you the power to start in a new direction or undertake a new opportunity. Paul said "For God is at work within you, giving you the will and the power to achieve His purpose" (Phil. 2:13). Be encouraged knowing that God is at work in your life, changing you into something He can better use.

God also gives you power to keep going. It's no secret that things get hard in life from time to time. God's Word promises that when you trust in Him, you will renew your strength (Isaiah 40:31). Knowing that God will restore your energy and give you the power to persist should encourage you each time you face one of life's challenges.

So how do you bring God's power to work in your life? First admit you need help. Pride and arrogance can get in the way and prevent you from receiving the abundance of power He is ready to bring to work in your life. When you humble yourself enough to admit you cannot achieve anything of value on your own, and ask God to act on your behalf, you set in motion the awesome power of the Holy Spirit. Remain faithful and patient as God goes to work to carry out His plan for you.

Next, speak in faith. Speak out words of confident declaration of God's divine authority and power over your life. As you speak out words of faith, you will be better able to stand on the promises of God and know that He will work all things for your good.

Finally, act in faith. It is not enough to speak words of faith; you must also take action in faith. Joshua and the people of Israel stepped out on faith when they crossed the Jordan River, trusting that God was there to protect them. Just as He stopped the water and allowed the Israelites safe passage, so he also will act in your life when you step out on faith.

God's power is evident all around you. Admit you need Him today, speak out and act out your faith in His power, and see how he blesses you. In what area of your life do you need to see God's power?