

This week, Andy presents the sixth installment in the ten part series on "Power Verses For Transformation". Andy points out that in today's world you need more than just your own power to fulfill your purpose in life. Galatians 3:10 says, "Anyone who tries to live by his own effort is doomed to failure." The only way to get power for traction against your problems is through obedience to Jesus Christ.

Andy points out that God gives you "power for freedom", "power to fulfill your dreams", "power for contentment" and "power for healing". In Philippians 4:13 Paul writes, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." You too can do ALL things with the strength Christ provides you. In every case, however, God provides you with the power you need but He does it in the context of your own obedience. Whenever the people of God were obedient to what God told them to do, they were able to do amazing things in the face of seemingly overwhelming opposition. The power of God was manifested AS THEY OBEYED and NOT BEFORE. The Red Sea did not open until Israel followed Moses into a place of no escape as God had directed them. The Jordan River did not part to let them through until the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant waded into the flood waters. At the wedding, the water in the jars did not become wine until the servant obediently took a sample to the wine taster as Jesus told him to do. The lepers were not healed until they left Jesus and went to show themselves to the priests as Jesus had instructed them. In each case, their eyes told them that they could not go through the waters, that they still had no wine in the ladle and that their leprosy was unchanged. It was at the moment that they chose to believe God, to do what He said for them to do, that they saw God move in power and that they could do the "impossible". Their lives were transformed by the power of God.

What has God asked you to do? Does the situation seem too difficult? Do you feel that God is expecting you to do something beyond your capacity? God will give you the power you need in your life. He will give it to you AS YOU OBEY!