## The Immeasurable Power Of Jesus In You

Do we really understand who we are in Christ? Do we really know what volume of power and ability we have in Jesus?

Do we really live in the experience of knowing and living out the immeasurable power of Jesus?

I wonder! Do we?

Often we find ourselves living on another's faith, on another's experience of Jesus wishing that would be ours but failing to realise that God has a unique plan for each one of us. He does not have duplicate plans but a plan for our lives that has the potential to unleash everything in the plan and design God has for us.

Jer 29:11 11 I say this because I know the plans that I have for you." This message is from the Lord. "I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future. 12 Then you will call my name. You will come to me and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will search for me, and when you search for me with all your heart, you will find me

Eph 3:20 : 20-21 MSG With God's power working in us, **he** can do much, much more than anything we can ask or think of. 21 To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever. Amen. God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! Wow!

Gods word - this written word (*Logos*) has the potential and power in them to be more effective than any therapy we might undergo. I'm not knocking therapy, what I am saying is if we truly read the Word of God and apply it to our situation this word can be a quickened word or a word that the Holy Spirit brings to life that can go back into our past and heal our wounds and disappointment and hang ups. God's word when illuminated in our lives becomes life and gives us direction in the midst of despair and difficulty and provides hope for the future.

Satan is clever in filling our minds with junk ( stuff that does not edify or encourage - like magazines, news papers, TV) that we don't have an appetite for Gods word. How many know that often when it comes to reading the bible we have all sorts of excuses or the phone rings or some distraction comes and robs us of that time we should have spent reading the Word. You know why? Satan knows the scriptures unmasks him and shows him up for who he really is - a liar, a thief, a killer and destroyer. So the longer the devil can keep you in the dark the less chances of him being exposed to the light of Gods word!

Satan know the potential that is in you through Christ Jesus - often we don't realise this but he does and that's why he would rather keep us from releasing this potential awesome power. Jeremiah the prophet, before he rose to national prominence God told him two things:

• Jer 1:5 "Before I made you in your mother's womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I chose you for a special work. I chose you to be a prophet to the nations." God knew Jeremiah before he was formed in the womb. God knew him first even before his parents did. Before your parents got a first look at you, God did. Nothing about you surprises God and inspite of what you have been through his love for you has

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not changed, nor has He changed his mind about you. God is thinking of you. <u>Ps40:5</u> tells us God thoughts towards us cannot be recounted and they are more than can be counted. God knows who you are and what you are destined to become. He knows the potential in you yet untapped.

• God told Jeremiah," I chose you / set you apart for a special work . Have you felt your life's journey take you on a road that you never ever thought could be? I know my pastoral journey was something that I never planned for but God had set me apart for His purpose. Have you felt different in situations where you get prompting not to engage in something where others are saying yes you are saying no? Set apart! Have you always felt that you tend to stand up in a crowd? You are often the person people come to when they have a problem? Set apart! Celebrate this because God has set you apart for His purpose for such a time as this . Don't go looking for acceptance in the wrong place or where you don't belong.

YOU are on a mission for God that's why Satan ain't happy and has tried hard to take you out. Often when we decide to go Gods way everything turns up side down, things go wrong, why? Because the enemy is trying to discourage you and take you out. When you realise this you are able to push through the challenges and battles you face.

When you look at Paul's life you see so many challenges he had to face and in 2Cor 4:16 he says therefore we do not loose heart even though our outward man is perishing And again in chapter 11:22 where he's been beaten, imprisoned, shipwrecked, robbed, sleepless nights. Satan tried to take him but he persevered.

As you begin to read and study the word of God you will recognise the potential and power of the word to change you, you will begin to experience the mind renewing, life changing power that is in you who is Christ in you the hope of glory (Col 1:27), that *immeasurable power*, that *exceeding abundantly above all that you could ask or think* power that is given according to His power that works in us, the resurrection power of Jesus who has resurrected you from death to life to live a life that is powerful for the kingdom of God.

So stand your ground and draw on that power today.

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