

Discipleship Tip

"What lives grows" - Ps Phil Pringle.

2 Cor 3:6. In the Bible, we see that when the Spirit came upon people, they were equipped. We need the Holy Spirit power on us to transform people's lives.

Connect Group Notes

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Ps Phil Pringle

Empowerment

Luke 24:49 (HCSB). "And look, I am sending you what My Father promised. As for you, stay in the city until you are empowered from on high."

God wants to empower you, not dis-empower you. He came to give you a life where you have control again, where you have authority in your life, and where you have the power to live a supernatural life.

There are four ways that God empowers us:

1. Supernatural Power.

- God can turn anything around if you give it to him.
- **Matt 10:1** – God gave the disciples supernatural power.
- We are empowered in our weakness, not because of our ability.
- **2 Cor 12:9** – The apostle Paul boasts in his weakness, knowing that through it, Christ's power could be displayed.

2. Authority.

- **Luke 10:19** - Through Christ we have authority over all the power of the enemy.
- **John 14:13-14** - We are empowered with permission and authority.
- **Rom 6:14** – Authority gives you back control over your life, your appetites and your impulses.

3. Encouragement.

- Feeling discouraged is one of the most disabling states of being. It is a key weapon of the enemy against the believer.
- **Ps 42:3-6** – To turn discouragement away we must focus our thoughts on God in heaven. Focus on the positive. Speak to your heart and mind. Declare over them the power of God. Speak hope and courage to your life, the present and the future.
- God does not love you or like you or believe in you because of anything you have done or been successful in. You are His creation, His beloved. The Kingdom is not about how well things are going or looking for you. Being you is enough.

4. Releases us from Limitations.

- God wants to release you, not restrict you. Don't limit God. Don't limit yourself (**Ps 78:41-42**). Think about what God has done in the past and believe that He will do it again.
- **Mark 9:23** - with God all things are possible.

TALK ABOUT

- What would you do if nothing was impossible?
- How can/do you encourage yourself and others to believe?
- Is there something in your life you have given up believing can change?

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