

(Clip) We Need More Power In The Church

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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:18, 2 Corinthians 12:9, Ephesians 4:11, 1 Samuel 17:40, Zechariah 4:6, Acts 1:8

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Transcript

And Saul had an armor, and I suppose for a season, it seemed to be doing the job. But another moment had arose where the armor of Saul was now deficient. It was not going to meet the need of the day.

Saul's armor speaks of strategy, speaks of things that we've done maybe for the last two decades, even in America, that have caused it to look like the church is growing. And in some degree, maybe it even did. Saul's armor had victories, it had nicks in it, but there was something, there was an evil that rose up, and Saul's armor was insufficient to meet the need.

Saul tried to put it on David. It's like you and I saying, well, we gotta come up with some fancier worship, or we gotta come up with some other new technique or strategy. No, we need the power of God again in God's house.

We need the presence of God again. We need prayer again in the house of God. We need miracles again in the house of God.

We need testimonies of God's deliverance in the house of God. We need young men and women who are willing to go to the ends of the earth for the cause of Christ again in the house of God. We need people who are more concerned about others than they are about themselves.

More concerned that others who live in poverty find the treasure of Christ than they finding their own treasure. More concerned about the honor of God than their own honor. David was willing to be a fool for the sake of God's honor by going down with weaponry that looked like total foolishness.

The things of the spirit, the Bible says, are foolishness to the natural man. God led this young man away from Saul's armor down into a brook. And in that brook, there were five smooth stones that had been fastened by the water of God over centuries, no doubt, had been fastened.

The water running over, preparing them for this moment. The five stones always have spoken to me about the five-fold ministry of the church of Jesus Christ. The apostle, the prophet, the pastor, the evangelist, the teacher.

Those that are raised up for the edifying of the body to strengthen the church of Jesus Christ. We don't need any more than God has provided for his church to become the voice and the power and the effective testimony that we need to be again in our generation. And with nothing more than a heart that trusted in God, with five smooth stones in his pouch and a sling in his hand, this young shepherd boy went down into the valley.

You see, it's in our weakness that God's strength is made perfect. It's in our nothing that his glory comes to the surface again. It's in our trust in him that the battle begins to be won.

And the devils know this and tremble. That's why you and I have got to get out from under the voices. The voices like come to Maria that try to tell you it's no use.

You see, all the devil has against you is an argument. And if he convinces you into buying into that argument, he can render you powerless. You'd be on your side of the valley with all your spiritual knowledge just trembling in fear under the dominion of his voice.

David runs into the valley with the weaponry that God has provided to him. And I love, I love, I love the fact that as he goes down in faith to face this giant, the spirit of God comes upon him. Hallelujah.

This is how we're gonna win in this generation. This is how we're gonna see darkness have to give way to light. Not by any works that we can come up with in our own strength, but by the spirit of God moving through us one more time.

By men and women, young and old, moving in unison with the Holy Spirit of Almighty God for the right reason. Remember I said it. For the wealth of others, for the status of God's church, and for the power and glory of God to be made known in our generation again.

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