# "Power From On High"



"When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer."

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We cause no one to stumble in anything, in order that no fault may be found with our ministry; on the contrary, in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, through much endurance, in afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils, fasts; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech, in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left; through glory and dishonor, insult and praise. We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful; as unrecognized and yet acknowledged; as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

## 2 Corinthians 6:3-10

#### No Fear Just Faith

- God will provide exceedingly and abundantly for all of our needs. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord!"
- The Visitation and the gift of spiritual friendship.
- Stay connected with your spiritual friends and avoid isolation.
- The healing power of the Sacraments.
- Little acts of love. "With every act of Love"
- Joy in the Holy Spirit (Next Slide)

# Rejoicing in the Lord

Then Nehemiah, that is, the governor, and Ezra the priest-scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not lament, do not weep!"—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He continued: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our Lord. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord is your strength!" 11 And the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Silence! Today is holy, do not be saddened." Then all the people began to eat and drink, to distribute portions, and to celebrate with great joy, for they understood the words that had been explained to them.

#### God's Word

His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and power. Through these, he has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love. If these are yours and increase in abundance, they will keep you from being idle or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Anyone who lacks them is blind and shortsighted, forgetful of the cleansing of his past sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more eager to make your call and election firm, for, in doing so, you will never stumble. For, in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

### God's Word

"This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, and not by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts.

Zechariah 4:6

#### God's Word

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be always in my mouth. My soul will glory in the Lord; let the poor hear and be glad. Magnify the Lord with me; and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, delivered me from all my fears. Look to him and be radiant, and your faces may not blush for shame. This poor one cried out and the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he saves them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the stalwart one who takes refuge in him. Fear the Lord, you his holy ones; nothing is lacking to those who fear him. The rich grow poor and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

# "Take My Hand And Walk" The Kry

I know there are times Your dreams turn to dust

You wonder as you cryWhy it has to hurt so much

Give Me all your sadness

Someday you will know the reason why

With a child-like heartSimply put your hope in Me

Take My hand and walk where I lead

Keep your eyes on Me alone

Don't you say why were the old days better

Just because you're scared of the unknown

Take My hand and walk

Don't live in the pastCause yesterday's gone

Wishing memories would lastYou're afraid to carry on

You don't know what's comin'

But you know the one who holds tomorrow

I will be your guideTake you through the night

If you keep your eyes on Me

Take My hand and walk where I lead

Keep your eyes on Me alone

Don't you say why were the old days better

Just because you're scared of the unknown

Take My hand and walk where I lead

You will never be alone

Faith is to be sure of what we hope for

And the evidence of things unseen

Take My hand and walk

Just like a child holding daddy's hand

Don't let go of mine

You know you can't stand

On your ownTake My hand and walk where I lead

Keep your eyes on Me alone

Don't you say why were the old days better

Just because you're scared of the unknown

Take My hand and walk

#### Thank You!

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-8

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I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Resources

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