



Dunamis

Dunamis (doo-na-mis)

Week #3

DUNAMIS: inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

Making prayer a **PRIORITY** changes everything.

Acts 6:1-6 (NIV)

¹ In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, “It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”

⁵ This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶ They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

How we pray defines what we **EXPERIENCE**.

Acts 6:7 (NIV)

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

James 5:16b

*The prayer of a
righteous person is
powerful and
effective.*

Every great movement of God is
linked to someone who **PRAYED!**

“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work.”

- Oswald Chambers

Prayer is the **EASIEST** way to overcome the **HARDEST** things.

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-
-fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”*

- Jesus, John 15:16 (NIV)

SO WHAT?

God only gives his power
for **HIS** purpose.

Confess
Honor
Ask
Thank

NOTES:

Matthew 18:20

*For where two or
three come together
in my name, there am
I with them.*

John 14:14

*"You may ask me for
anything in my name,
and I will do it."*



Now What? [For Further Reflection]:

- :: Share 1 thing God is teaching or re-teaching you through the Dunamis series.
 - :: How have you experienced the presence and power of God in your life this past week.
 - :: How would you describe your prayer life this past week?
 - :: What worked well? What didn't work well?
 - :: How has that impacted your readiness/ability to live in HIS power?
 - :: Reread/Review the end of Acts 6:1-7.
 - :: What stands out to you in this passage?
 - :: What role did prayer play in this scenario?
 - :: How did the disciples bring dunamis power to bear in this situation?
 - :: What was the evidence of that?
 - :: Where/How might God want to move in dunamis power in your life?
 - :: Discuss some of the ways you/others organize or structure your prayer times.
 - :: What has worked well? What hasn't?
 - :: What are some benefits to structuring our prayers times?
 - :: Pastor Shawn said, "God only gives his power for his purpose."
 - :: What are some implications of that reality? Why is that the case?
 - :: What happens when we seek His power for our purpose?
 - :: What is one thing you can do this week to make prayer a greater priority?
 - :: Identify 1 person to pray for you & hold you accountable to do it.
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How to start a relationship with God:

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

***Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I recognize you as Savior; and I choose to respond to you as my Risen LORD.
Help me to walk with you by faith in every area of my life.
In Your name, Amen.***

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