



Title: Visionaries IV – in Pursuit of Power
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1 Corinthians 2:2–5 (ESV) ² *For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified...and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,* ⁵ *so that **your faith might not rest** in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.*

We need to demonstrate the Spirit and power. Paul knew that people need to experience the power of God, or else their faith will be in people, not in God.

Matthew 22:29 (NKJV) ²⁹ *Jesus answered and said to them, “You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.*

- If we don't know the power of God, then we will be deceived. We will re-interpret scripture.

See Him – and what He has given us

Psalms 63:1–2 (NKJV) ¹ *O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.* ² *So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.*

- First and foremost we seek Jesus Christ. We cannot seek power more than we seek Jesus, but we do need to look for His power and glory as well.
- **Revelation knowledge releases the power of God.** Revelation of who God is releases faith and faith in God releases His power.

1 Corinthians 2:9–10,12 (NKJV) ⁹ *But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”* ¹⁰ *But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.* ¹² *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*

- **The moments in my life where I experienced God's power absolutely transformed me.**
- **Big deception:** “Yes God is powerful, but not in my life”
- **The Spirit searches all things.** *The Holy Spirit is our search engine... like google.

See what God is doing – He is always speaking + always working somewhere
God is always speaking. We need to get our antenna up so we can tune in.

1 Corinthians 12:7–11 (NKJV) ⁷ *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:* ⁸ *for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,* ⁹ *to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,* ¹⁰ *to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.* ¹¹ *But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

God is always working (somewhere). We should simply see what it is that He is doing.

Have courage to partner with God – more boldness to step out!

We need boldness to step out and act on the promptings of the Lord, even if we miss it. **Faith is spelled risk.** Grow when step out.

Culture of bold faith.

Acts 4:29–30 (NKJV) ²⁹ *Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,* ³⁰ *by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”*

- **Give us more boldness!** / Even when you step out and miss it. Step out again! Don't give up and don't back away.