
Vision:

1. The faculty or state of being able to see clearly and accurately.
2. The ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom. A preferred future.

The power of less.

Acts 3:1-11 | Acts 4:1-31 | Romans 1:16-17 | 2 Timothy 1:12 | Zechariah 4:6
| Ephesians 6:10-17 | Isaiah 1:18-19 | Psalm 51

Shameless

Fearless

Powerless

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

What was one of the most memorable power outages you've experienced? What, if anything, did you realize you'd taken for granted?

Beyond electricity, what is it about power that is so attractive to so many people? Are there any advantages or disadvantages to having power?

Connect to God's story

Read Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 1:1-8.

What does Jesus instruct his disciples to do in these passages? Why is it important to wait on the Lord's timing and Power? Have you ever ran ahead of the Lord? What happened?

Can you describe a situation where you had authority but lacked power? What about having power but lacking authority? Why is it so essential that the disciples have both power and authority?

Jesus doesn't promise smooth sailing as we follow Him (John 16:33) but He does promise His presence. When has the presence of the Lord been a comfort to you in the midst of your own storms?

Read Acts 4:1-31.

What started this trial Peter, John and the church were experiencing? Have you ever had to wisely discern who to follow? What happened?

How do the believers respond to the threats they've received? How do you respond when you're threatened?

What do they confess about God in this passage? (Write below what you notice from their confession) As you pray, what benefit can there be for you in confessing the truth about who God is and what He's done?

Take some time to pray for Real Life and how we can boldly tell everyone about the life-changing work God is doing in our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit.

“And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power. May miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

- The Believers in Acts 4:29-30 (NLT)

Real Life Prayer for 2020

It is God's will for us to have an intimate, personal, and dependent relationship with all of Him—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This year let us make it personal, a prayer of commitment and connection with God.

Pause Prayers

Read each of these simple statement prayers separately then pause, pray, listen, and respond:

“Abba, I belong to You.”

“Come Lord Jesus.”

“I surrender to You.”

“Holy Spirit set my love in order.”

“I trust You.”

“You are enough.”

As we open ourselves to a new year and a new decade, ask God to bring a personal **revival*** to you: body, mind, and spirit. As each of us fully embraces all that God has for us, He is able to work immeasurably in, for, and through us.

When we open ourselves to God reviving us we will not be the same. Real Life Church will not be the same. Our community will not be the same. Let us claim 2020 as the year of the Lord's favor and look with expectant eyes for the miracles of God!

***Revival Definition:** *an improvement in the condition or strength of something.*