

POWER ACADEMY

Switching On Your Faith

Module 1: The Basics

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1. John 10:10 – *“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”*
 - a. The reason Jesus came in the flesh was to give us the life that we were originally made for.
 - b. From creation, God had set into motion the plan of Jesus coming to restore what He created us for: a life free from sickness, pain and poverty, all of our needs met.
 - c. Jesus makes the point to tell us here that it is the enemy who kills, steals, and destroys, not God! Lack, sickness, poverty, disease, destruction and loss are not from God.
 - d. Use the John 10:10 rule: if you have thoughts of fear, doubt, unbelief, then measure it against this scripture. If it’s good, it’s from God; if it’s bad, it’s from the enemy.

2. 2 Corinthians 10:5 — *“Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”*
 - a. It is important to stay conscious of your thoughts and take captive those thoughts that are contrary to the truth found in the Word of God.
 - b. Proverbs 23:7 — *“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”*
 - c. Luke 6:45 — *“...For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”*
 - d. Proverbs 18:21 — *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.”*
 - e. What you think in your heart will come out of your mouth, and your words will determine the course of your life.
 - f. So, if we don’t see ourselves the way Jesus sees us, we will not live the life that Jesus has for us. It starts on the inside, not on the outside.

3. What is this abundant life that Jesus is talking about?
 - a. The Greek word for “life” in this verse is *zōé*, which means, “The state of one who is possessed with vitality” (Strong’s).
 - b. This is real life: a life that is possessed with “the vital spirit, the breath of” God (Strong’s).
 - c. This is a life of thriving, not just surviving. This life isn’t a just-barely-getting-by life, but of having more than enough, abundance. This isn’t just getting healed once, but living a life full of health.

- d. This kind of life works in every part of the world, no matter where you are. We are blessed in the city, and blessed in the country (Deuteronomy 28:3). We are above and not beneath (Deuteronomy 28:13).
4. Just because you are not seeing this life right now does not mean that it isn't available to you.
- a. Jesus died and rose from the grave to make this life available to you.
 - b. One of the definitions of *zōé* is, “a life active and vigorous, devoted to God” (Thayer’s). This life is only obtained through the Word of God.
 - c. John 1:14 — “*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...*” Jesus is the Word of God.
 - d. This life cannot be found in the world, in the economy, in a particular government, or by moving to another country. It can only be found in the Word of God.
 - e. People even look for this life in marriage, but marriage will not complete you. You can only be made complete through your relationship with Jesus. You cannot make anyone else your source of happiness or provision.
5. The Greek word for “abundantly” in John 10:10 is *perissos* which means, “Superabundant, excessive, beyond measure, exceedingly, uncommonly extraordinary, remarkably more excellent” (Strong’s & Thayer’s).
- a. God wants you to live with such prosperity that you can’t even count it! God’s not moved by money; He is moved by faith.
 - b. Our challenge today is to receive everything we were created to receive, everything Jesus died for us to have.
 - c. I don’t want to get to Heaven and realize that I missed out on anything God had provided for me!
 - d. This is good news, because even when we find ourselves in a bad spot, we can believe God for more: healing, deliverance, prosperity, victory!
 - e. There is no limit to God.
6. Philippians 3:10 (AMPC) — “*[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death.*”
- a. It is an important distinction that this tells us to know God first, and then we know the power of His resurrection. This is all based in relationship with Him.

- b. This is not a casual knowing, like you just met someone on the bus. This is an intimate relationship. And if you don't know that God is good, then you don't really know Him.
 - c. Your determined purpose is to know who God really is; your whole purpose for your life is to know God on an intimate level.
 - d. If we want to hear God's still small voice, it will take quality and quantity time to develop that relationship.
 - e. You get to know God by spending time in the Word of God, through prayer, through praying in tongues, through praise and worship, fellowshiping with other believers and even by sharing the Gospel with other people. While we are doing that, we are fulfilling our purpose.
 - f. It doesn't matter how old or young you are, or what situation in life in which you find yourself. If you are building your relationship with God, you are fulfilling your purpose.
 - g. Abundant life is the fruit of your relationship with God.
 - h. Acts 13:2 says that they "ministered to the Lord." Even in total isolation, you can still minister to the Lord through relationship with Him, and that is fulfilling your purpose.
 - i. If you want to be a person of faith and taking part in the "power outflowing from His resurrection," you need to know God.
 - j. 1 Corinthians 13 (the love chapter) says that you can do all of these good things, but they are meaningless without love. You cannot have the fruit without the root of that relationship with the Lord.
7. Philippians 3:11-12 (AMPC) — *"¹¹ That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body]. ¹² Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) and make my own, that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me and made me His own."*
- a. When we get to know God, it changes us. It brings life into dead places.
 - b. This is the purpose: that we might grasp, fully understand and live, this life that Jesus died for us to live.
 - c. It takes effort on our side to press on and grasp this relationship and abundant life that He created us for.
8. 2 Corinthians 5:17 — *"Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!"*
- a. When you got born again, you became spiritually alive. God Himself came to dwell inside of you, and your spirit is where the abundant life is.

- b. Power Academy is designed to help you tap into the power of God that is already on the inside of you!
 - c. You don't have to beg God to heal or bless you because it has already been done by Jesus.
 - d. You are a spirit, you have a soul (your mind, will and emotions), and you live in a body. When you were born again, your spirit was instantly made brand new, full of the power and life of God.
 - e. 1 John 4:17 — “...As He is, so are we in this world.” In your spirit, you are identical to Jesus.
9. 2 Peter 1:2-4 (emphasis added) — “² Grace and peace be multiplied to you **in the knowledge of God** and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, **through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”
- a. Everything we are ever going to need to live a happy, healthy, successful and prosperous life comes through knowing Him.
 - b. Relationship takes two: we have to “take part” in order to be partakers of this abundant life He has already granted us!
 - c. Partakers and spectators are not the same thing. You must take part in relationship with Him.
 - d. As Christians, we can escape the corruption that is in the world, some of the disasters and negative circumstances of this world that has been corrupted by sin.
10. Ephesians 4:11-12 — “¹¹ And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the [a]edifying of the body of Christ.”
- a. Relationship is not being a spectator.
 - b. There is a five-fold ministry, but the role of the five-fold ministry is to equip the saints for the work of the ministry.
 - c. If the only time people think they can get healed is when a person on stage lays hands on them, then the church is not fulfilling its purpose.
 - d. Our job as five-fold ministers is to train up and equip partakers, not spectators!
 - e. If the children of God were partaking in relationship with God, we would see the power of God flowing through us on a regular life.
 - f. When a life is changed, it taps into abundant life, and it results in a power-filled life.

11. Become born again!

- a. If you would like to make the choice to receive Jesus as your Savior right now and settle forever your personal relationship with God, we invite you to pray this simple prayer out loud:

“Dear Lord Jesus, I believe that You died in my place and that You rose again. Right now, I make You the Lord of my life. Thank You for coming into my life. Thank You for saving me. Thank You for forgiving me. I live my life for You now. In Your name, amen!”

12. Be baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues!

- a. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a separate experience from being born again, though it often happens at the same time as salvation. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is where the power comes from.

- b. Luke 11:9-13 — *“⁹So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? ¹²Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹³If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”*

- c. If you are ready to receive, all you have to do is ask! Let’s do that right now:

“Father, thank You for creating me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit and sending Him to live inside of me. I believe that He is my Comforter, my Helper, my Teacher, and my Wisdom from You. Jesus, I ask you to baptize me with Your Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Thank You for giving me the power that I need to live victoriously in this life. I receive it by faith, right now, in Jesus’ name!”

- d. Congratulations! You have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit! Now, you may feel something or you may not, but we know that the Lord gave because you asked, and He is a good Father. It’s time to speak in tongues!

13. For more information on salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, please request your free copy of our booklet *Your Life with God* at <https://terradezministries.com/booklet/>

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