

Can You Deny It?

Introduction

This week, we were blessed to hear from guest speaker, Minister Craig Irish. He directed our attention to Acts 4:13-20. He reminded us that the church is the bride of Christ and is built on four P's.

Prayer: Never underestimate the power of prayer. When you are praying according to God's will, your prayer is unstoppable. In John 15:7, Jesus states this promise "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire and it shall be done for you". We tend to focus on the second part of the verse and treat God as though He were some kind of genie, but it is a conditional statement. In order for us to be able to ask what we will and see it done, we must abide in Him and allow His word to direct us. We need to pray.

Power: In the dictionary there are several definitions provided for power. 1) The ability to do something in a particular way. 2) The capacity or ability to direct or influence the behaviour of others or the course of events. 3) The physical strength exerted by someone or something. 4) The energy that is produced to operate a device. The Holy Ghost power is released into the lives of believers to empower us to do what we are called to do. We must have the power of God.

Preaching: The preaching and exposition of God's Word is more than teaching people what God said or providing moral instruction. When God created the world, he spoke everything that is, into existence (Gen. 1, John 1:1-4). The Word of God has always been an active, living word. It creates or tears down, saves or gives life. We must never cease to preach the word of God.

Problems: In John 16:33, Jesus says "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Essentially, He promises that we will have problems, but our peace can be found in Him.

The message went on to challenge us to remember the goodness and miracles of God in our lives, where He brought us from, where He brought us to, and His steadfast presence whether or not we acknowledged it at the time. God has been good, whether or not we recognize it. Testimonies are powerful reminders of what God has already



done. Undeniable reminders of His Power. In times of distress, we must choose to remember, choose not to deny that there is a real God who has brought us through.

Getting Started

Read **Acts 4:13-20, 18:1, John 15:7,16:33, John 1:1-4** and answer the following:

- How could Peter and Paul speak so boldly, being uneducated themselves but in the presence of sophisticated and learned people? Acts 4:13
- Why was it significant that the man who had been healed was standing with them? Acts 4:14-16
- How can we know that we are praying according to God's will? John 15:7

Let's Get Personal

- Have you ever experienced a miracle that only God could have performed? What did that look like in your life?
- What are some experiences of the power of God that you can't deny?

Take The Next Step

This week as you read through your devotional, take the time to do the following:

- **Pray about your experiences and what you are trying to learn.** Ask your Father in Heaven to teach you what He wants you to know. Ask Him to help you become more capable of effective, righteous action and seek His help to become what He wants you to become.
- **Act on the impressions you receive.** If you pray with real intent, the Holy Ghost will prompt you with insights and with assignments from the Lord. When you act on them, the Holy Ghost will bless you with spiritual gifts and will magnify your capacity.
- **Write those experiences down!** Record what you receive at the Lord's hand and what you learn through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Have a great week!

