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The Power You Need For Christmas

Part 2 of the Series : Welcome To Our World

[Jesus said] "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly".
John 10:10b NASB

I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. Eph. 1:19-20 NLT

Admit

But he [God] said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:9a NIV

So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me. 2 Cor. 12:9b NLT

Connect

I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. John 15:5 Amp

This is what the LORD says: "Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans, who rely on human strength and turn their hearts away from the LORD. 7 "But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence. Jer. 17:5,7 NLT

Run

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it. Heb. 11:1 NCV

As soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away.....The priests stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground. [From Joshua 3:15-17]

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. 7 Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. 8 Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.
Col. 2:6-8 NLT

The apostles said to the Lord, "Show us how to increase our faith."
Luke 17:5 NLT

Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises. Rom. 4:20-21 NLT

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