

MIGHTILY IN ME

Is there a way that God wants to work mightily in you?
Will you let Him?

KEY POINTS

- ▶ Bezalel and Aholiab. David. Paul. In the lives of each of these individuals, there were specific ways that God worked mightily in them.
- ▶ Aholiab did not write psalms, but he made the places in which psalms would be sung unforgettable in splendor.
- ▶ John the Baptist introduced the Christ to the world, but David secured the land on which Jesus walked.
- ▶ And while Paul did not preach the message of salvation on the Day of Pentecost, he did more than anyone else to take that message to the Gentile nations of the then known world.
- ▶ It was he who gave us the phrase that is the title of this message: “mightily in me” (Colossians 1:29).
- ▶ He gave us this insight: that for each of us there is a way that God wants to work mightily *in you*.
- ▶ We are all made in the image and likeness of God. But God is infinite and unlimited and we are finite. We are limited to one body, one life, one place we can be at one time; limited in our talents and capabilities.
- ▶ Yet each of us displays and demonstrates some facet of God—some characteristic of His divine nature—in a unique way.
- ▶ If a facet of God is kindness, there are people who are living manifestations of kindness. Even if you wouldn't say so, everyone around you knows it.
- ▶ If a facet of God is power, there are people who are living manifestations of that.
- ▶ But Paul also said he could see suffering at work pretty mightily in his life (v.24).
- ▶ Wait a minute. Could suffering be a characteristic of an almighty God? How is that possible?
- ▶ As His dear children, we have the ability to give God great pleasure or great pain. (Parents, sound familiar?) And what does this human race give God mostly?
- ▶ What did people do in response to the life of Jesus? They put it to a painful end.
- ▶ So, suffering *is* a facet of who God is. If we are in God's image, it's not possible to avoid suffering in our lives. For some people, or for some periods of time, could that aspect of God be working mightily in you or in me?
- ▶ You might never really have thought about what facet of God you could exemplify. Or maybe there's been a little glimmer of a thought, a spark of a desire that's not there all the time, but you've felt it.
- ▶ When you pray, when you're alone with God, what is it that starts burning in your heart? What do you find yourself pursuing, reading about, practicing, getting good at? What's your big spiritual dream? What would you love to do in the Kingdom of God? What's the difference you'd love to make?
- ▶ If you feel your heart yearning toward doing something in the Kingdom, consider the message of Philippians 2:13.

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Colossians 1:25-29; Exodus 31:1-11;
Psalm 18:29-50

- ▶ That dream, that desire, is God working in you to accomplish His will in this world.
- ▶ So if it is from God, why not let that fire grow? Why not feed that sacred flame and let God work mightily in you?
- ▶ For God to work mightily in you, there might be things you need to move away from.
- ▶ We each have a decision to think about today: Am I satisfied with a blah-blah life? Or do I want God to work mightily in me?
- ▶ It's never too early. Samuel started serving God at 3 years old. Josiah took a job as king at the ripe age of 8. Jesus was in the temple at 12 asking, “Don't you know that I must be about my Father's business?”
- ▶ It's also never too late. At 80 years old Caleb said to Joshua, “Give me this mountain.”
- ▶ The mountain had to be conquered—something Caleb could not do on his own. But once he said “give me this mountain,” others stood up ready to help him.
- ▶ When we let God work mightily in us, the sacred flame lights up in others too.
- ▶ The day of Pentecost showed that the sacred flame is no longer for just a few.
- ▶ God is working mightily in people, and He wants to work mightily in you.
- ▶ Will you now say, “Beyond anything else in my life, God, I want you to work mightily in me?”

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Has anyone ever told you that you have a particular gift/talent? What is it? Does their perception line up with what you think your particular giftings/talents are?
2. Was it something that came naturally to you, or did you have to work at it? If the latter, how did you develop this gift?
3. How has this gift helped you at school, on the job, or elsewhere? How do you/could you use this gift to further God's kingdom? (Does there have to be an overt mention of God for this to be accomplished?)
4. Thank God for the giftings He has placed in your life. If you do not know what your gift is, ask God to reveal it to you and don't forget to give Him thanks in advance.




Prayer Time




Lord, whatever talent You have gifted to me, it is my aim to use it for Your will and Your kingdom.

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NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

-  (Reminds me/Confirms)
  (New idea)
  (Think about)

 (Do this)
  (Speaks to my heart)
  (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

L.G. Ice-Breaker: Have you ever had a “dream come true” moment? Share your experience.