

The Secret of Jesus' Power—and Ours

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JOHN 5:19

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Many people think Jesus lived His earthly life
with a kind of power
we could never touch—
moving through the world with power
unavailable to us.

But Scripture tells
a different story.

You may not know this about Jesus—
He lived in the power
of the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1,14)
at the direction of the Father.
“The Son can do nothing by Himself;
He can do only what He sees His Father doing” (John 5:19).
“The Father tells Me what to say” (John 12:49–50).

He never stopped being God,
but He laid aside
the exercise
of His divine attributes (Phil. 2:6–7).
He lived as a man
in communion with the Father—
“I always do what pleases Him” (John 8:29).

His miracles were done
in the Spirit's power.
“I cast out demons
by the Spirit of God” (Matt. 12:28).
“God anointed Jesus of Nazareth
with the Holy Spirit
and with power” (Acts 10:38).

Every miracle—
multiplying bread,
walking on water,
calming storms—
was done
in the Spirit's power,
not by switching
into deity mode.

The disciples failed
with the demonized boy
because they acted
without dependence.

“Because of your unbelief” (Matthew 17:20).
“This kind comes out
only by prayer and fasting” (Mark 9:29, KJV).

Fasting increases power
by increasing surrender.
It sharpens hearing.
It brings the soul
into alignment with the Father.

They were not depending
on the Father.
Not listening.
Not aligning.

We do have Jesus' authority—
“I give you authority...
over all the power of the enemy” (Luke 10:19).
But we do not have
His sinless clarity.

And within the limits
of sin
and indifference,
we fail to experience
the power
that is ours.

The Spirit's power
flows through communion,
not presumption.

Jesus didn't act at His will.

He acted

at the Father's will (John 5:19),

in the Spirit's power (Acts 10:38).

So can we.

For the power we seek

is waiting in the communion we skip.

Pentecost gives us

the Spirit who empowered Jesus—

the same Spirit (Rom. 8:11),

the same power,

the same Helper.

And the more we walk

in communion with the Father,

the more we experience His power

through the Holy Spirit.