

SERMON STUDY NOTES

One Another Series – God’s Power

Text: Ephesians 2 NIV

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4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Eph 1:19

That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

1. What was your most memorable experience with lightning?
2. Paul prays that the church would know three things – our hope, our inheritance, and God’s great power for us. These can feel conceptual and hard to live out. How much do these sink in and impact your daily life? How can these become more than nice Christian concepts and instead, lift us up in hard times?
3. Paul talks about God’s power for his church, a word from which we also get the word dynamite. We don’t always see dramatic examples of God’s power. How have you seen God’s power in the dramatic or the mundane the week or month?
4. Like lightning that we see, but only fully experience after a lag time, we live life between seeing the light of Jesus and his full restoration “in the coming ages.” How are you living a life worthy of God’s calling in the “lag time”.
5. Reflecting on your own life, where do you need to see God’s power at work this week? How can you invite the Holy Spirit to help you live with hope, confidence, and hospitality?