

Where to Get the Power You Need

El Shaddai = "God Almighty"

I. I CAN RELY ON GOD'S POWER...

1. When things seem **hopeless**.

📖 Genesis 17:1 (NIV84) "When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me and be blameless."

📖 Jeremiah 32:17 (NIV84) "Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you."

2. When I am **tired**.

📖 Isaiah 40:28–29 (GW) "Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The eternal God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, doesn't grow tired or become weary. His understanding is beyond reach. ²⁹ He gives strength to those who grow tired and increases the strength of those who are weak."

📖 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV84) "...He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

📖 2 Corinthians 1:8–9 (NIV84) "We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹ Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead."

📖 Psalm 91:1 (NIV84) "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."

3. When I am **tempted**.

📖 Romans 7:18 (Ph) "I often find that I have the will to do good, but not the power."

📖 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV84) "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it."

II. I CAN EXPERIENCE GOD'S POWER...

📖 1 Corinthians 4:20 (NIV84) "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power."

1. When I **acknowledge** Him.

📖 1 Chronicles 29:11–12 (NIV84) "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. ¹² Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all."

📖 Psalm 68:35 (NIV84) "You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to His people. Praise be to God!"

2. When I **attach myself to** Him.

📖 John 15:5 (NIV) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

📖 Ephesians 1:18–20a (NIV84) "I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, ²⁰ which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead..."

3. When I **actively believe** Him.

📖 Hebrews 11:1 (NLT) *“What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen.”*

*“Faith is **acting like it is so**, even **when it’s not so**, in order **that it might be so**, simply because **God said so.**” ~Tony Evans*

📖 Hebrews 11:6 (Msg) *“It’s impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that He exists and that He cares enough to respond to those who seek Him.”*

Digging Deeper *When you think of God’s power, what do you think of? In what ways has God shown Himself “mighty” in your life? In what ways do you rely on God’s power? Do you need God in your life? Answer this honestly: If God were suddenly gone from your life would you even notice? Would you say that you are connected to Jesus right now? What is the last thing that God did in your life that is undeniable evidence of His existence? What action is God waiting for you to do before He releases His power in your life?*

