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## **Empowered**

### **Power Gifts: Faith, Healings and Miracles**

**Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:8-10,28**

**Big Idea:** God is calling us to stand up in unshakable courage to fully embrace the power gifts to advance His Kingdom and manifest His Glory!

**The Challenge:** The power gifts have not ceased – in fact, we desperately need them if we are going to see the Spiritual break-through in our Church and community we long for.

**Definition:** The power gifts are occasional and circumstantial supernatural capacities bestowed upon believers, that demonstrate God's mercy, compassion, power, and glory.

#### **Pastoral Prayer for this Message:**

**“O God, awaken our church to see that you are a supernatural God and that you are calling us to move forward in radical faith to see an unleashing of healing and miracles that will exalt your name and draw lost people into your kingdom. Remove our confusion and hesitation. Release clarity and courage into our congregation. Inspire us to take risks and to expect you to act in ways that dismantles darkness, breaks bondage and ushers in a wave of redemption and restoration that will change this valley forever!”**

#### **Four Important facts about Power Gifts**

- 1) Power gifts are circumstantial and occasional as opposed to permanent or residential.
- 2) Power gifts are experienced most often through believers who are seeking God, dependent on God and interceding for a specific supernatural breakthrough.
- 3) Power gifts are available to all believers not just those we consider to be super saints or outstanding leaders.
- 4) Power gifts are the most controversial because of their susceptibility to abuse and misuse.

#### **Questions for Discussion:**

- 1) Share a situation where you have experienced or witnessed the gift of healings or miracles and what was the result of these supernatural interventions?
- 2) What does it mean that power gifts are occasional and circumstantial?
- 3) How do you respond to the statement, “We are theologically continuationists, which means that we believe all the gifts, including the spicy ones, are for the church today...but tragically we are often live and lead as operationally cessationists.”

- 4) How does the gift of faith in 2 Corinthians 12:9 differ from the fruit of faithfulness in Galatians 5:22?
- 5) What are some potential abuses of the gifts of healings and the gifts of miracles? How can we guard against them?
- 6) The gift of faith can be cultivated but not coerced (manipulated or forced). What does that mean and what are some things we can do to strengthen our faith?

**Application:**

1. In what areas is God calling you to go deeper in your relationship with him?
2. What would it look like for you to declare war on an attitude of non-expectation when it comes to the gifts of faith, healing, and miracles?
3. Where might God be calling you to take greater risks or be willing to “go first” in trusting God for supernatural interventions that reveal His glory and advance his kingdom?