

IT'S WITHIN REACH

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INTRODUCTION:

A. It's true that life, at least at times, is not easy, even painful and unjust. Therefore, Biblical hope is essentially "looking forward to the future with great expectation of what God will do."

B. Choosing to be empowered by God's immediate and eternal hope.

God is awesome...He gives power and strength to His people. Praise the Lord!

— Psalm 68:35

...the Kingdom of God is not just fancy talk; it is living by God's power.

— I Corinthians 4:20

I. WE NEED GOD'S DIVINE POWER WHEN WE ARE TIRED

A. A little **tired** with what's been going on? Worry, waiting, wanting....

B. We get tired but God **never** gets tired.

The Lord is the everlasting God. He never grows tired or weary. He strengthens those who are weak and tired. Those who trust the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; He offers strength to the weak.

— Isaiah 40:28 & 31

II. WE NEED GOD'S SUPERNATURAL POWER WHEN WE ARE LACKING

A. Have you **said** to yourself (lately)...

B. Life can leave us **feeling** overwhelmed and inadequate. Where might you feel like you are coming up short in life?

He (God) said, "My power shows up best in weak people." Now I am glad to boast about how weak I am; I am glad to be a living demonstration of Christ's power, instead of showing off my own power and abilities.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

III. WE NEED GOD'S LIMITLESS POWER WHEN WE ARE IN PAIN

A. **Pain** drains us of our hope. And we try to **avoid** pain at all costs.

B. We will overcome pain...instead of letting it overtake us.

The Lord nurses them when they are sick and eases their pain...

Psalm 41:3

IV. GRABBING HOLD OF GOD'S DIVINE, SUPERNATURAL, LIMITLESS HOPE

A. Admit you need it.

Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor.

Proverbs 29:23

B. Be connected to THE power source.

For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power...

2 Timothy 1:7

C. Choose God's way and His power will show up in you!

What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for (in Christ) is going to happen.

Hebrews 11:1

CONCLUSION