

## PART I: EMPOWERED FOR PURPOSE

**Acts 10:38 AMPC:** How God anointed and consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the [Holy] Spirit [dunamis] and with strength and ability and power; how He went about doing good [bestowing benefits] and, in particular, curing all who were harassed and oppressed by [the power of] the devil, **for God was with Him.**

Oppressed = to exercise harsh control over

DUNAMIS: strength power, ability

- A. inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth
- B. power for performing miracles
- C. moral power and excellence of soul
- D. the power and influence which belong to riches and wealth
- E. power and resources arising from numbers
- F. power consisting in or resting upon armies, forces, hosts

ANOINTED = **to be set apart for a particular purpose** – to be smeared down with the power of God to perform that purpose. Empowerment to do what you could never do on your own.

- Find your purpose, find your anointing.

Matthew 10: 1, 7-8 The Passion Version:

Jesus gathered His twelve disciples and imparted to them authority to cast out demons and to heal every sickness and every disease..

=Power + Authority = Dunamis + Exousia or

Dynamite/Miraculous Ability + Permission (legal right)

Supernatural Ability + Jurisdiction

7 And as you go, preach this message: “Heaven’s kingdom realm is accessible, close enough to touch.

8 You must continually bring healing to lepers and to those who are sick, and make it your habit to break off the demonic presence from people, and raise the dead back to life. Freely you have received *the power of the kingdom*, so freely release it to others.”

He who sent me is *with me*. **John 8:29**

Tune our ear to the frequency of the Voice of the Father

**JOHN 10:27-28** “My sheep Hear My Voice [A certain SOUND/ a tone/ a frequency] and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My Hand’

HEAR:

- to be endowed with the faculty of hearing, not deaf/to hear
- to attend to, consider what is or has been said
- to understand, perceive the sense of what is said

Because oftentimes He will instruct us to do things that don’t make any sense at all.

But all that is needed is a WORD FROM THE LORD and a YES. Where God’s Word or assignment meets with our YES – dunamis is released/ poured out on that.

Dunamis is activated by our YES. Our FAITH ACTION

WHEN WE LEARN TO MOVE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT – and no other motivation – WE WILL ALLOW GOD TO DO THE HEAVY LIFTING [it's not by (our) might, it's not by (our) power, but by being in alignment with THE SPIRIT OF GOD]

**Zech 4:6-7** <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, **This is the word of the Lord** to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but **by My Spirit**, says the Lord of hosts.

<sup>7</sup> For who are you, O great mountain [of human obstacles]? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain [a mere molehill]! And he shall bring forth the finishing gable stone [of the new temple] with loud shoutings of the people, crying, Grace, grace to it!

When we learn to MOVE BY THE SPIRIT

Not by any other motive... it unleashes the POUR of the dunamis ability of God

- When we are hearing and moving by the spirit – He / God does the heavy lifting
- There is a grace that comes upon us to enable our assignments and SPEAK grace to the mountain.

**ACTIVATION:** GO back to the last thing God told you or instructed you in and do IT! (to get unstuck)  
Faith is action.

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## PART II: EZRA 8 FAST

Read Ezra Chapter 8: Fasting for Protection and step-by-step guidance

Ezra assembled a team who would carry *heavy* [weighty, costly resources – specifically for rebuilding the Tabernacle in Jerusalem after the 70 years of Babylonian captivity]

- He knew they would be making a journey through ‘much treacherous enemy territory’
- He knew they would be a target for robbers, thieves, and danger.

Verse 21: “Then I proclaimed a fast there at the River of Ahava that we may humble ourselves, before our God, to Seek of Him a Right Way for us and our little ones”.

a. *Humble ourselves:*

[afflict, oppress; become low – under enemy radar – stoop low and bow down]

b. *Before our God:*

[in His face; brought into His presence; to appear before Him; to have access before a man of rank; implying favor or to be seen; to come under His eye or under the oversight of; to bow down in helplessness] before Elohim: Great and mighty, supreme; majestic and all-powerful.

Taking our eyes off of the ‘lesser thing’ and place them onto the King-enthroned.

c. *Seek of Him the Right way:* the straight, safe, level, [journey, road, distance, direction; course]

GREATER LEVEL, GREATER DEVIL?

Greater the Level, the call, greater the assignment, GREATER THE ANGELIC ENTROUGE: [a group of attendants or associates encircling a person of rank or importance] [attending, surrounded with angelic bodyguards (so as not to be seen). UNDETECTABLE AND UNTRACEABLE.

Verse 23: So, we fasted and besought our God, and He was entreated of us

AMP: and He heard our prayer

CJB: He answered our prayer

CEV: So, we went without food and asked God Himself to protect us and HE answered our prayers

DRA: It fell prosperously unto us

EHV: He granted our request

TLB: and He did it.

MEV: And He was moved by our prayers

NABRE: and it was granted

Verse 31: so they departed from the River of Ahava to go to Jerusalem (to their assignment) and the Hand of our God (His power, strength, and divine direction) was upon us and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy [snatched away, plucked out, preserved from our enemies].  
[adversaries, persecutors, to hate; the idea is that of breathing, blowing, puffing angry hatred]  
MSG: Kept us safe from bandits along the way