



The Power of God

*For I am not Ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of
God for Salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16*

What is The Power of God?

- The Power of God Brings Salvation
 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the Power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. Rom 1:16
- The Gospel is a Power that reveals Gods Righteousness
 - For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." Rom 1:17

In The Beginning, God.

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 - Gen 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- God as the Source of All Things
 - John 1:3 "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."
- He is sovereign and supreme in all creation
 - Isaiah 45:18 confirms this: "For this is what the LORD says—he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it..."

There is No End with God

- The Existence and Nature of God is Eternal
 - Psa 102:24 “O my God,” I say, “take me not away in the midst of my days— you whose years endure throughout all generations!
- God’s is Eternal and is Promise is everlasting
 - “Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.” (Psalm 145:13)
- Gods Divine Nature is unceasing
 - “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;” Lamentations 3:22-23

The Power of God Manifest

Gods Power is on display in our lives every day

- Gods Power Manifest in the INFINITE
 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1
- Gods Power Manifest in the INTIMATE
 - For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13

Understanding Gods Power is Crucial

- Focus on the INTIMATE we can *trivialize* God
 - We become the central focus of Gods purpose
 - “Far be it, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Adversary! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” (Matt 16:22-23)
- Focus on the INFINITE we see God distant and uncaring
 - We don't see us as part of Gods purpose at all

The Infinite Power of Jobs God

- Job did see the Majestic Power of God in creation
 - He stretches out the north over the void and hangs the earth on nothing. He binds up the waters in his thick clouds.. (Job 26:7-9)
- But saw Gods Power as Arbitrary and Destructive
 - Gods Power is Violent and Destructive (9:5-18)
 - Jobs view of Gods control as arbitrary 12:12-24:
 - God does not communicate with man (19:7)

Job Needed a Mediator

- Job looked for a mediator to bring him to God
 - Job 9:32-35 ...If only there were someone to mediate between us, someone to bring us together, someone to remove God's rod from me, so that his terror would frighten me no more.
- Elihu was the mediator to bring him to God
 - Job 33:23-26 If there be for him an angel, a mediator, one of the thousand, to declare to man what is right for him, and he is merciful to him...and he restores to man his righteousness.

Be not
Ashamed!

The Intimate Power of Job's God

- God shows Job his Intimate care of the earth
 - “Who provides food for the raven when its young cry out to God and wander about for lack of food?” (Job 38:41).
- Job finally understood God was always there
 - Job said in 29:19: “I was like a tree whose roots always have water and whose branches are wet with dew.”
 - God said 38:28 “Does either the rain or the dew have a father?”
- Job sees God in the intimate power of his nature
 - Job 42:5 (NIV): “I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you.”

Infinite Power: Foundation of Worship

- God is the ultimate power in the Universe
 - No one is like you, LORD; you are great, and your name is mighty in power. Who should not fear you, King of the nations? (Jer 10:6-8)
- Recognize our place within His sovereignty, and majesty
 - The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! (Psalm 95:1-7)

Infinite Power: Faith and Obedience

- Understanding God's power builds faith
 - declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' (Isa 46:10)
- Embracing God's infinite power confidence in the future
 - In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it... (Eph 1:9-14)

Gods Power: Infinite brings the Intimate

- The Infinite meets the Intimate Power in our lives
 - "For this is what the high and exalted One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: 'I live in a high and holy place, *but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.*'" Isaiah 57:15:
- Gods Infinite power makes our relationship possible
 - From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth... *God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.* Acts 17:24-28

Salvation: Bound up in His Power

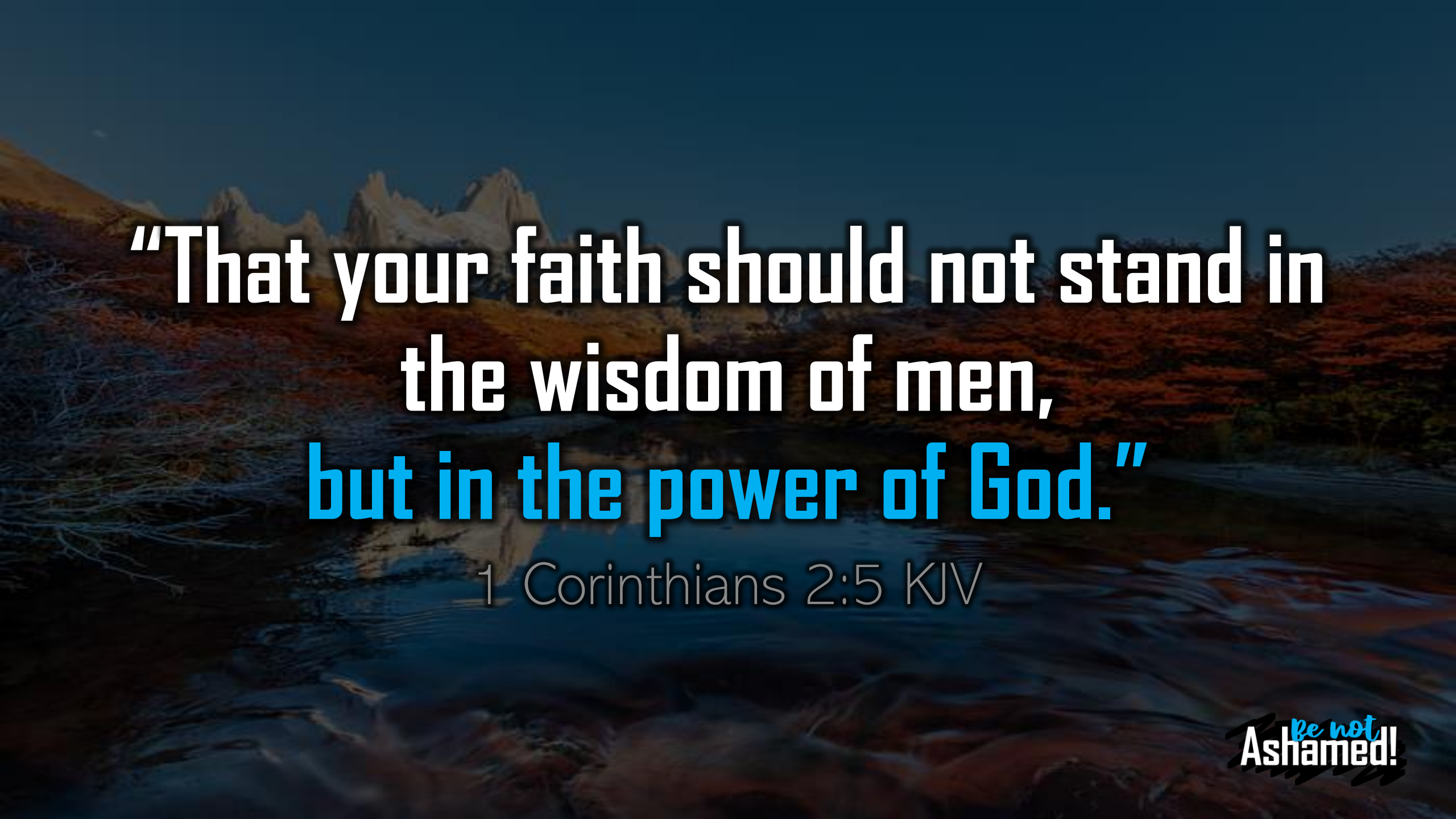
- God wants to bring us to salvation
 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, that is, into an inheritance imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. 1 Peter 1:3-5
- In fact we are already declared righteous
 - Eph 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God

God is Our **Unfailing** Strength

- God does not grow weary but strengthens us
 - He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; Isa 40:28-31
- Investing in the Armour of God
 - Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Living Unashamed by the Power of God

- A Spirit of Power, Love, and Self-Control
 - "For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7)
 - Fear: timid, dread, faithless
- Having a Bold Confidence in Christ
 - "But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me." (2 Timothy 1:12)



**"That your faith should not stand in
the wisdom of men,
but in the power of God."**

1 Corinthians 2:5 KJV

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Be Not Ashamed of the Gospel

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart, one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

For the Scripture says,

“Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

Romans 10:9-11