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It's an incredible thing to walk in the strength of the Holy Spirit! It's a place where we live as overcomers not as the overcome, where we operate in supernatural ability,

Not the natural, and where the enemy has no place! The sevenfold expressions of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:2, Revelation 4:5), empower us to live daily in the fullness of the Lord so that Jesus will receive glory and honor through His great power working in and through us. We can walk empowered and strengthened, when the fullness of the Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened [kratos] with might [dunamis] through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen (Ephesians 3:14–21).

Live in the Place of “I Can Do”

Imagine awakening every morning with the confidence of God's strength in you, being able to do all things through Christ who gives you strength (Phil. 4:13). And, this strength in you according to His wealth, according to the riches of His glory, according to who He is! “All” means everything. It means everything that He has purposed for you, the above and beyond what you can think or imagine, according to the greatness of His power that works within, that Christ Jesus may receive ALL of the glory in the Church and for the ages to come.

We're living in a time where God is doing and will do, exceedingly abundantly above and beyond what we can ask or think, and He wants to do these things through us! His thoughts are far above ours. In fact, His thoughts and ways are so high that He wants to blow the lid off limitation in our life and release us into an entirely different and higher level of our destiny in Him. God wants you to believe for your family, your neighborhood, your city, and nation! By the power of the Holy Spirit and His incredible fullness, you can think big! God

renews the mind by stretching it like an elastic band beyond a normal pattern or realm of thinking or understanding. Sometimes it stretches to the limit, way out of our comfort zones, but just when we think we're going to snap, whoosh, it all makes sense—things connect in our inner man, and suddenly we know that we're able to do the above and beyond Paul tells us about.

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An Abundance of God's Wealth

Mind stretched a little? Good. Ponder now, “the riches of His glory.” According to Paul, God bestows to us strength and power “according to the riches of His glory.” His glory is abundant, it's bountiful, and it's endless. We can never ask for too much strength and power, because it's available to us in the same measure as He is glorious—unfathomable abundant measures! His abundance is the weightiness of who He is, His character, His nature, His strength, and His power, and He gives/imparts/bestows that in His children, according to the call and mandate He has on our lives. The greater the call, mandate, or authority He gives us, the more of Him; His power and strength He bestows.

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His Strength (Kratos)

The word Paul used for “strengthened,” in the Ephesians 3 letter, derives from the Greek root word [i]kratos for “power,” and in biblical context means: dominion, strength, manifested power. God wants us to live by the strength of who He is in our inner man. Kratos especially signifies “exerted (applied) strength, power shown effectively in a reigning authority.” More specifically, it primarily refers to God's kingdom authority, dominion, and majesty through the outward manifestation of His power. Kratos is used in God's dominion context also in Paul's letter to Timothy (First Tim. 6:13–16), v. 16b (RSV).

Kingdom Dominion in Your Inner Man

The world or natural realm won't rule and reign in your life if you operate out of the realm of being strengthened by kratos, that is, by being strengthened by kingdom dominion in your inner man. Kratos applied gives you the strength to do what you couldn't do before Jesus came into your life. God's kingdom authority, dominion, and majesty should reign in every believer's inner man, for we must walk steadfast in the things of the Lord. We cannot waver if we want to ascend into the incredible levels that God wants to release right now.

When kratos dominates your inner man, the enemy's lies won't hurt you, invade your thought process, or hinder you. Jesus gave me a wonderful revelation about kratos. When the multitudes, that is, the Roman cohort and the commander, and the officers of the Jews came for Him in the garden and asked for Jesus of Nazareth,

Jesus answered, “I AM He.” Such was His strength and His confidence that “they drew back and fell to the ground” (John 18:4–8). That, my friends, was the manifestation of kingdom dominion! Kratos . .

Paul prayed for us to be strengthened (kratos) with “might.” This word in the Greek is dunamis, (from which we derive words like “dynamic,” “dynamo,” and “dynamite”), signifying the inherent power of God. The Lord showed me a vision of dunamis. It was like swallowing a Holy Ghost hand-grenade and it exploding in our inner man. Wow. God bestowed this power according to what? According to the unlimited riches of His glory! This dynamite explosive power reigns and rules by the strength of the Holy Spirit in our inner man. This is what He granted to us! It’s ours. We can stand firm, Hallelujah.

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Live by the Strength of Who He Is

1. Become deeply rooted

We’re encouraged to be strong in the Lord and His kratos power (Eph. 6:10). Read the Word and discover the fullness of this strength, power, and love for you. Develop intimacy and friendship with the Lord—spend time in the Secret Place of His Presence. Seek and come to know Him more than you have before. Those who abide in Jesus will know the anointing and will flow in it (John 15). When your roots grow deep, you’ll flourish (Ps. 92:13), and the Spirit of the Lord will be upon you in strength!

2. Acquaint yourself with what God would have you do, pray for wisdom

Paul prayed that the saints at Colosse might be fully acquainted with what God would have them do in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Col. 1:9, 10). He offered a similar prayer on behalf of the Ephesians (Eph. 1:17–19). Wisdom and spiritual understanding awaken you to the reality of God’s strength and power in you, working through you, and flowing from you.

3. Plug into fresh oil daily

“But my horn you have exalted like a wild ox, I have been anointed with fresh oil” (Ps. 92:10). To be exalted as a wild ox, is to be strengthened. Oxen are strong and powerful. It takes a lot to knock an ox down. Fresh oil releases the strength of the Lord in the inner man.

It is only by His Spirit (Zech. 4:6) that you are able to accomplish the mighty and impossible and take pleasure in infirmities, in reproach, in persecution, in distress, for Christ’s sake. For when you are weak, then you are strong (2 Cor. 12:10). So become as strong as an ox by tapping into the precious oil of the Spirit every day.

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5. Rejoice for Christ and His Mighty Strength in You

Rejoice that you can rule and reign in this life with boldness, confidence, strength, zeal, and vigor, with Christ the High Priest going before you so that you can walk in the fullness of your inheritance, for every manifestation of power available to you, including kratos power. Rejoice around the Throne and sing a new song of victory, for Christ in you and His mighty strength in your inner man! "Blessing and honor and glory and power [kratos] be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever, and ever!" (Rev. 5:13b).

[i] Kratos Spirit Filled Bible, Thomas Nelson, New King James Version. Additional definitions and origins from Strong's Concordance 2904

Dear Friends,

We Pray this Message has been a blessing to you! Also that as you continue in your walk with the Lord you will be Strengthened with Kratos in your Spirit, to see the manifestation of His power in your life!