



Devotion Part 3
**Unprecedented Power to Act in
Unprecedented Ways**
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I recently met a man who asked if he could tell me his testimony of coming to faith. Sure!

The story started with a knee injury that multiple surgeries had been unable to rectify, resulting in his knee being locked in a straight position. Randomly, a guy stopped on the side of the road and offered to pray for him. After the first two prayers didn't net an immediate response, the pray-er asked if he could try one more time! With 'nothing to lose' he said yes and experienced a miraculous moment of healing where he was able to complete a full deep squat on the spot! "What did you do?" "I didn't do anything!" Looking around, he asked, "Then, who did?!" "You've just encountered the power of Jesus Christ!"

Recently, a guy from my church shared the story of his own encounter. After years of being addicted to smoking, he had a moment of surrender and appeal to God. "I'm not asking You to help me, I'm acknowledging that *only You* can help me!" He woke up the next morning completely free of his addiction! He said it was as though he'd

never smoked before in his life. He had no desire for it and in future weeks wasn't even triggered by the normal associations and well established habits.

In a time of unprecedented uncertainty, challenge and fear, it is good to be reminded that the power of God is still at work to do unprecedented things! In your heart, in the lives of those yet to know Him, and to act more broadly in our communities and our world.

In Romans 8:11, Paul reminds us that the power of the same Spirit that ***raised Christ from the dead*** lives in us. That power at work can move ***us*** to love in unprecedented ways. To experience unprecedented peace and express unprecedented generosity. To hope for unprecedented outcomes and expect unprecedented Gospel activity and response.

As we near the Easter, let us be evermore grateful for Jesus' overcoming power in the moment of His resurrection and evermore mindful of that same power still at work in and through us.

God Bless,

Kim