**The Power Available…for the One!**

“Made For This Moment” series- Part 02

*Use the next few minutes to connect and fellowship with other members of the group by discussing the following:* Can you relate an experience in your life or in the life of another where something was accomplished that seemed to go beyond your own power or their power to bring it to completion? How do you explain their success?

*Let’s get on the same page -*

In a recent message, Pastor Brandon shared a truth from the Old Testament story of Esther:

*God puts his hand upon available individuals, inviting and* ***empowering***

***them*** *to be a significant part of his redemptive work in the world.*

We all know of individuals who have claimed to know Christ as their Savior and Lord, yet they often live defeated lives. Their lives may be dominated by sin, selfish desires, poor choices, and a tendency to yearn for the things of this world rather than investing in the eternal. The question often arises: “Why is the power of God *NOT* evident in their lives?”

According to the wording of Pastor Brandon’s key truth, why might the power of God not be evident?

Can you think of other reasons for the lack of power in a believer’s life?

**Book: Ephesians 1:15-23**

*Eph 1:15 Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere,*

*Eph 1:16 I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly,*

*Eph 1:17 asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.*

*Eph 1:18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope He has given to those He called—His holy people who are His rich and glorious inheritance.*

*Eph 1:19 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power*

*Eph 1:20 that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.*

*Eph 1:21 Now He is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.*

*Eph 1:22 God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him head over all things for the benefit of the church.*

*Eph 1:23 And the church is His body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with Himself.*

***Let’s get into the Word:***

Paul states that he was constantly praying for the Christians at Ephesus. What were his three primary prayers for them?

1.

2.

3.

What is the outward evidence that each of these prayers have been answered in a positive way in a believer’s life?

Read verses 19-20. What are some evidences that you have experienced God’s mighty power in salvation?

Read verses 21-23 again. Why does Paul use these statements to speak to God’s power?

How do these verses encourage you to believe that the “Power of One” can be a reality in your life?

*Questions for my next quiet time:*

What situation are you experiencing where you need to know that the power of God will help you through it?

How can you be empowered to be “the one” who makes a difference in another person’s life?

What part are you playing in the body of Christ (verse 23)?