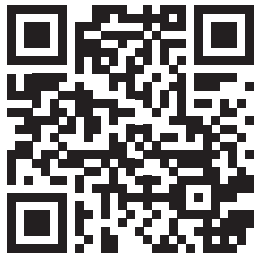


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## Day 1: Great Power

**“Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength; We will sing and praise Your power.”  
Psalm 21:13 (NASB95)**

Have you ever wondered about the origin of the term “horsepower?” It was originated by James Watt, (1736-1819) the inventor of the steam engine and the man whose name has been immortalized by the definition of Watt as a unit of power. To help sell his steam engines, Watt needed a way of rating their capabilities. The engines were replacing horses, the usual source of industrial power of the day. Using various data, Watt calculated that a horse pulled at 32,580ft.-lbs./minute. The figure was rounded off to 33,000 ft.-lbs./minute. We still use this figure to identify horsepower today.

As powerful as engines have become, nothing can surpass the greatness of God's power. The Bible reminds us in Acts 4:33 God says, “And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus...” Did you know that God desires that His power flow through you? As you pray today, seek the Lord and ask for His power to be fresh and real in your life every single day! As a part of His body, the church, God wants to use you as a vessel through which His power is demonstrated.

**•Scripture Reading: Psalm 106:1-12**

**•Prayer Focus:** Pray that God would manifest His presence in our church family and that there will be clear evidence of His Spirit at work. We pray for people to encounter Jesus and experience life change.

## Day 2: Great Grace

**“He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.”  
Psalm 111:4 (NIV)**

During a British conference on comparative religions, experts from around the world were discussing whether any one belief was unique to the Christian faith. They began eliminating possibilities. Incarnation? Other religions had different versions of gods appearing in human form. Resurrection? Again, other religions had accounts of return from death. The debate went on for some time until C. S. Lewis wandered into the room. “What’s the rumpus about?” he asked, and heard in reply that his colleagues were discussing Christianity’s unique contribution among world religions. In his forthright manner Lewis responded, “Oh, that’s easy. It’s grace.” After some discussion, the conferees had to agree. The notion of God’s love coming to us free of charge, no strings attached, seems to go against every instinct of humanity. The Buddhist eightfold path, the Hindu doctrine of karma, the Jewish covenant, and the Muslim code of law—each of these offers a way to earn approval. Only Christianity dares to make God’s love unconditional.

God’s grace, His amazing grace! As you pray, take time to thank Him for His amazing grace!

**•Scripture Reading: Ephesians 2:8-9**

**•Prayer Focus:** Pray for our church family to be a place of “great grace.” A family of faith where there are testimonies of grace that bring glory to Jesus.

## Day 3: Great Godly Fear

**“The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, That one may avoid the snares of death.”  
Proverbs 14:27 (NASB95)**

Do you have any fears? Most people in the world have a fear of one kind or another. Some of the most common fears are: pathophobia (fear of disease), monophobia (fear of being alone), glossophobia (fear of public speaking), algophobia (fear of pain), taphephobia (fear of being buried alive). While fears can be harmful, some are just humorous. Watch out guys, you may suffer from pentheraphobia, which is one of the scariest phobias in existence, the fear of your mother-in-law!

Fears can be harmful and keep you from living a productive life, and others are humorous and give you a good laugh. However, fear can also be healthy. Proverbs 9:10 says, “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Fear of the Lord means a reverential awe. Another way of describing the “fear of the Lord” is simply “a healthy respect for the holiness of God.”

God loves you and as your heavenly father, He doesn’t want you to be scared of Him. Instead He desires that you be overwhelmed by His holiness. To desire God is to hunger to be holy as He is holy.

**•Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**

**•Prayer Focus:** Pray for our church to reflect the character of God. Ask the Lord to sanctify His people that we might honor Him each day.

## Day 4: Great Joy

**“This is the day the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it!”**  
Psalm 118:24

Steve Goodier tells the story of two brothers. The two brothers decided to dig a deep hole behind their house. As they were working, a couple of older boys stopped by to watch. “What are you doing?” asked one of the visitors. “We plan to dig a hole all the way through the earth!” one of the brothers volunteered excitedly. The older boys began to laugh, telling the younger ones that digging a hole all the way through the earth was impossible. After a long silence, one of the diggers picked up a jar full of spiders, worms and a wide assortment of insects. He removed the lid and showed the wonderful contents to the scoffing visitors. Then he said quietly and confidently, “Even if we don’t dig all the way through the earth, look what we found along the way!”

Did you know that God wants you to have joy in the journey of your Christian life? Don’t let the difficulty or disappointments in life keep you from missing the “little” things that bring joy in your journey! Every day there are many wonderful things God brings our way to give us a glimmer of His wonderful mercy, grace, and love. If you will take the time to look and listen, you will find yourself smiling from the inside out! Throughout the day, why not stop and list just a few things the Lord uses to make you smile.

**•Scripture Reading:**  
Psalms 126:5 & Proverbs 17:22

**•Prayer Focus:** Pray for there to be a genuine joy when we gather for worship at WBC. Ask the Lord to fill each of us with His joy!

## Day 5: My Church

**“And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common”**  
Acts 2:44 (NASB95)

Charles Jefferson once described the difference between an audience and a church. He said, “An audience is a crowd. A church is a family. An audience is a gathering. A church is a fellowship. An audience is a collection. A church is an organism. An audience is a heap of stones. A church is a temple.” He went on to say, “Preachers are not to attract an audience, but to build His church.”

When we talk about “my church,” generally speaking we are not referring to brick, steeples, and pews. Really we are often talking about the people with whom we pray, serve, study, worship, give, and fellowship. As a pastor, I cannot count the number of times someone has said to me, “I just don’t know what I would have done without my church.” Celebrating life’s victories and joys, or sharing in life’s sadness and struggles, “my church” has a profound impact on my life. Take a few moments today and ponder the wonder and beauty of “your church.” Think of the ways God has used fellow believers in your life to encourage, support, and challenge you in your daily walk with the Lord. What a privilege and blessing to be a part of “His church.”

**•Scripture Reading:** Acts 2:42-47

**•Prayer Focus:** Pray for our church to ignite a movement of authentic followers of Christ who impact the world with the Gospel. Pray that we will see 1,000 people come to saving faith in Jesus.



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