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The Gospel Grip on Paul's Praise (1:8)

•⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.

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**The Gospel Grip on Paul's Prayer
(1:9-10)**

•⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit **in the gospel of his Son**, that **without ceasing** I mention you ¹⁰ **always in my prayers**, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.

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**The Gospel Grip on Paul's Plans
(1:11-13)**

• ¹¹ **For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you**— ¹² that is, that we may be **mutually encouraged** by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

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**The Gospel Grip on Paul's Plans
(1:11-13)**

•¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles.

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**The Gospel Grip on Paul's Passion
(1:14-17)**

- ¹⁴ **I am under obligation** both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ **So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.**

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**The Gospel Grip on Paul's Passion
(1:14-17)**

- ¹⁶ **For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,** to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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The Gospel is the 'Power of God'

- The undermining, overcoming power of God that turns the world over to sin and wrath to dispense redeeming grace. This Gospel is power effectively executed under the weakest of human conditions to bring about the best of results.

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The Gospel is the 'Power of God'

- 1) Power over **Law** (6:14)
- 2) Power over **Sin and Death** (8:1-3)
- 3) Power over **Judgment** (8:33-39)
- 4) Power over **Hostility** (5:6-11)

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The Gospel is the 'Power of God'

- 1) Because the Gospel has **Power over Law** it addresses my Self-Righteousness
- 2) Because the Gospel has **Power over Judgment** it addresses my Guilt, Shame, and Fear

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The Gospel is the 'Power of God'

- 3) Because the Gospel has **Power over Death** it addresses my Despair and Hopelessness
- 4) Because the Gospel has **Power over Sin** it addresses my self-destructive disposition.

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The Gospel is the ‘Power of God’

5) Because the Gospel has **Power over Hostility** it addresses my Relationships
