

POWERLESS PEOPLE AND THEIR POWERFUL GOD

Matthew 17:14–23

“You are more powerful, capable, and resilient than you realize!” Supposedly motivational statements like this one are common in a humanistic culture that’s obsessed with self-esteem and that preaches purpose, joy, contentment, and success are all available with the right mindset, a positive attitude, and unwavering self-belief. However, the Bible is clear that none of that is true and, in fact, *thinking* in those terms and *believing* those lies actually robs people of the power that *is* actually available—a power that’s inexhaustible, unfathomable, and supernatural. Matthew’s account of the liberation of the demonized boy showcases the amazing power available to God’s otherwise powerless people, its purpose, its accessibility, and reasons it is often ignored and unused.

The Power To Serve

vv. 14–15, 18

The Faith That Unlocks It

vv. 19–20; 1 Cor 13:2

The Failure To Do So

vv. 16–17, 22–23

Serve Daringly and Dependently!