

#### IV. KNOW THE PERSON OF GOD

*“Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.”* Luke 24:31

A. Don't just know about Him, but really know Him.

*“that I may know Him,,,”.* Philippians 3:10a

B. You can accomplish great things when you know God.

*“... but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”.*

Daniel 11:32b

#### DO YOU NEED TO POWER UP WITH PRAYER?

*“He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.”* Isaiah 40:29

\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Power Charge: Pray The Model Prayer Each Day

*“9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.*

*10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.*

*11 Give us this day our daily bread.*

*12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.*

*13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.*

*Amen.”*

Matthew 6:9-13

#### POWER UP!

Yes, God Can Hear You Now With Prayer

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#### INTRODUCTION

A. Drained? Depleted? Running on lower? It's time to power up! Attend the Power Up! Teaching Series and learn how to gain power from God in a world where everything and everyone seems to drain and deplete your energy.

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B. This teaching series will be a deep dive into Luke 24:11-53. It will be case study of how Jesus powered up the disciples and took them from being “sad” (Luke 24:17) to “great joy” (Luke 24:52). I will reveal five chargers that Jesus used to power up the disciples and how He can do the same for you.

The messages include:

Apr 4 Plug Into Jesus

TODAY Yes, God Can Hear You Now With Prayer

Apr 18 Choose His Plan With The Bible

Apr 25 5G Coverage With Witnessing

May 2 Stay Connected With Worship

C. **TEXT:** Luke 24:28-32

God uses prayer to charge you up.

*“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,”* Luke 18:1

## HOW TO POWER UP WITH PRAYER

- Scene Two: The Village Of Emmaus.

*“28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther.*

*29 But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them.”* Luke 24:28-29

- Jesus prayed with the disciples and empowered them. They went from not knowing Jesus (24:16) to knowing Jesus (24:31).

### I. TALK WITH GOD

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*29 But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” And He went in to stay with them.*

*32 And they said to one another, “Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”* Luke 24:28-29, 32

Prayer is talking WITH God, not just to God. It is a meaningful relationship. It is the heart of a child relating to the heart of a Father. This requires two way communication where you talk to God and He talks to you (most clearly through the Scriptures).

- A. Talk with God fervently (v 29a).

*“...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”* James 5:16b

- B. Talk with God specifically (v 29b).

*“Give us this day our daily bread.”* Matthew 6:11

## II. STAY IN FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

*“But they constrained Him, saying, “Abide with us, ...”*

Luke 24:29a

- A. To abide in Jesus means to live in Him and remain in Him.

*“4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*

*5 “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”* John 15:4-5

- B. Fellowship with God requires the confession of sin.

*“7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

*8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

*9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* I John 1:7-9

## III. EXPRESS THANKSGIVING TO GOD

*“Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.”*

Luke 24:30

- A. Jesus made prayer a priority.

*“Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.”* Mark 1:35

- B. Jesus prayed with the disciples and His prayer focused on thanksgiving.

*“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;”* Colossians 4:2

*“17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

I Thessalonians 5:17-18