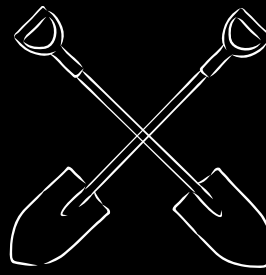


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SUNDAY STUDY RESOURCE

FULL SEND 
VERSE BY VERSE STUDY THROUGH ACTS PART 2

“The Power You Can’t Fake”
ACTS 19:11-20 NKJV

SYNOPSIS

The power of Jesus is not something we can imitate or manufacture. It comes from truly knowing Him, belonging to Him, and abiding in Him. Continuing in the second half of our verse by verse study through the book of Acts called “Full Send,” Pastor Tim teaches a message from Acts Chapter 19 entitled “The Power You Can’t Fake” that includes 5 takeaways from God’s Word that we can apply in our lives.

The power you can’t fake...

- 1) We have what the world is looking for
- 2) The world wants the power without the Person
- 3) His authority belongs to those who belong to Him
- 4) If you want Jesus, you have to leave the old life behind
- 5) What God gives us is for His glory, not ours.

We hope this message encourages you to abide in Jesus, leave behind anything that does not belong in a life surrendered to Him, and live in His power for His glory.

KEY VERSE:

“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

ACTS 17:6 (NKJV)



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Text: Acts 19:11–12; John 15:1–5

Cross-References: John 14:12–17; Galatians 5:16–25; Ephesians 3:16–20

Discuss: In John 15, what does Jesus identify as the necessary condition for a believer to bear fruit? What does it mean practically to “abide” in Christ? According to John 15:5, what are we capable of accomplishing apart from Christ? How does this challenge the tendency to rely on personality, knowledge, discipline, talent, or effort?

Text: Acts 19:13–16

Cross-References: Matthew 7:21–23; John 14:6–7; Romans 10:9–13; 2 Timothy 3:5

Discuss: What were the sons of Sceva attempting to do with the name of Jesus? What does their response reveal about their understanding of Jesus? What is significant about the evil spirit's response: “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” How does this passage demonstrate the difference between knowing about Jesus and actually belonging to Jesus?

Text: Acts 19:15–16

Cross-References: Ephesians 6:10–18; Luke 9:1–2; Luke 10:17–20; 1 Peter 5:8–9

Discuss: According to Ephesians 6:10, where are believers instructed to find their strength? Why does Paul immediately follow his command to “be strong in the Lord” by explaining that our struggle is not against flesh and blood? What does Scripture teach us about the reality of spiritual opposition? How should recognizing that our ultimate struggle is spiritual affect the way we respond to people who oppose Christianity?

FAMILY DISCUSSION *(Questions for your middle-school or high-school children)*

Text: Acts 19:18–19

Cross-References: Matthew 5:29–30; Matthew 6:19–24; Mark 10:17–22; Hebrews 12:1–2

Discuss: The Ephesians didn't simply confess their involvement in sinful practices; they willingly destroyed the things that had been connected to their former lives. What does this teach us about repentance? Why can possessions, habits, relationships, entertainment, or comforts sometimes become difficult to surrender even when we know they are spiritually harmful?

REFLECTIONS

- 1) Think about the areas of life where you are most successful or capable. Could your competence actually make it easier for you to live independently of God? Why?
- 2) Is your relationship with God currently something you actively depend upon, or something you primarily engage with through church, Bible studies, sermons, podcasts, or Christian content?
- 3) If God removed your ministry involvement, church position, Christian friendships, Bible studies, and outward Christian identity, what would remain of your personal relationship with Him?

