

POWER TRIP: PART 2

While on a mission trip, Liz discovers that someone is willing to steal and to destroy just to stop Liz's work. Why?

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Needing God's power against evil.

1. In Zechariah 4 the prophet Zechariah was visited by an angel showing him visions of lamps and bowls and olive trees. Zechariah was very confused. In Zechariah 4:6b, the angel reassured him that he doesn't need to understand everything, because God is in control. Have you ever seen something you couldn't explain? How did it make you feel?

2. Sometimes you may feel impatient with God because he is not doing things as quickly as you want him to. It is easy to want to do things yourself. But Peter reminds us, "All of you young people should obey your elders. In fact, everyone should be humble toward everyone else... Be humble in the presence of God's mighty power, and he will honor you when the time comes." (<u>1 Peter 5:5-6</u>). It is best to stay humble and wait to see how God will work.

Memory Verse

⁶ So the angel explained that it was the following message of the to Zerubbabel: I am the All-Powerful. So don't depend on your own power or strength, but on my Spirit. **Zechariah 4:6b**

After You Listen

In today's episode, Spike thinks he can solve the problem of the islanders' beliefs and the disappearing building supplies with his own strength. But in <u>Zechariah 4:6</u>, God says we should rely on his Spirit to help us fight our battles.

Have you ever heard of spiritual warfare? In <u>Ephesians 6:12</u>, Paul writes to his friends, the Ephesians. He says "We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and powers in the spiritual world." How can we possibly resist powers that fight against us in a war that we cannot see?

There is a spiritual war going on around us right now. But we are never on our own in this battle. We can tap into God's strength, his power, and his protection at any time through prayer. God is stronger than Satan! If God is fighting for us, there is nothing that Satan and his forces can do to win!

Challenge

Did you know God gives us protection and weapons to fight spiritual battles? <u>Ephesians 6:13-17</u> introduces the Armor of God:

Belt of Truth

Breastplate of Righteousness

Shoes of Peace

Shield of Faith

Helmet of Salvation

Sword of the Spirit (the Bible)

Draw a picture of yourself wearing this armor. Label all the parts. Keep it by your bed to remind you to "put on" the armor every morning. God is on your side!

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What are Liz and his friends doing while they are in Gadamascar?

Answer: Helping the Hendersons build a school for the village.

Question 2: What do the Hendersons hope to do with the school?

Answer: Teach children to read so that they can read the Bible for themselves.

Question 3: Why is progress so slow in building the school?

Answer: Building materials disappear.

Question 4: Who does Spike think is causing all the mysterious happenings at the school building site?

Answer: The Elder.

Question 5: Who does the Elder say is causing the problems?

Answer: The spirits who don't want the school to be built.

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