



Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Thank you so much for visiting our website! Here is an excerpt of my notes from Pastor A.J.'s sermon, "***Knowledge is Power.***"

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To read the full sermon notes, [click here!](#)

We pray that Pastor A.J.’s Message will bless you the way it blessed us! Please come back again next week for more from “LaKesha’s Pen” with another inspiring message.

Yours in Christ,
LaKesha Johnson-Lewis

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In 2 Peter 1:2, Peter writes that grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. When we begin to increase our knowledge of God and begin to personally experience a relationship with Him, we experience an increase in our lives. God will begin to pour out His grace and peace upon us. We will find ourselves being able to handle life with an ease and also with increase of peace. When trouble comes we will be able to handle difficulty much better than we did before we knew God. In the book of Job, Satan went to God and God asked Satan had he considered his servant Job? Satan responded that God had placed a hedge of protection around him and if God would touch all that he has Job would curse God to His face. Satan wasn't after Job's possessions or family, he was after Job's testimony! He wanted the words of Job's mouth and Satan is after your testimony and the words of your mouth as well.

“Speak to you problems about how good God is!”

According to Genesis 1:26, it is God's will that we speak with authority because He has given us dominion over the earth. God will always do His part but it is up to us to do our part. Prayer and speaking the Word of God is the most powerful weapon we have. In every situation we face God will always give you a part to do because our relationship with Him is a partnership. For example David versus Goliath (1 Samuel 17), David's confidence came from knowing what God can do. Now remember in Hosea 4, God said the people lacked personal experience with God, well David did not. He had experience with God while shepherding his father's sheep. This is vital in his success when he came up against Goliath. Starting in verse 34 of 1 Samuel 17 watch closely to the words David speaks. Even before he confronted his problem (Goliath) he had already begun to speak to it. He told Saul of his experience with God when he slayed a lion and a bear. He had begun to speak victory over the battle he was yet to fight. The same way God spoke creation into existence in Genesis. He declared how big his God was and who was this giant in comparison to God. And for you today, this giant thing that is trying to defeat you; what is it in comparison to God? There is nothing too big for the God we serve! We too must be like David and before we confront our issue we must remember the victories we have already won and proclaim it out loud! Then in verse 37, Saul even speaks the power of God into David's situation. Saul told David to go and the Lord be with him. So not only did David speak the power of God so did Saul. As well, you will also want to surround yourself with people who will speak the power of God into your situation. It didn't just stop there when David got to the battle line he continued to profess the power of God directly to Goliath. He took his previous experiences with God and the words of his mouth and slayed this giant and you can too!

“I have given you power to overcome everything!”

In order for us to win the battle we must choose to operate in faith and not in fear. Jesus through the aid of the Holy Spirit has given us power to cast out unclean spirits in Luke 10:19, Jesus states He has given us authority and power over our enemy (Satan). His Word tells us that He has not given us a spirit of fear but a spirit of power, love and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7). God is saying "I have given you power to overcome everything!" This is gained through our knowledge of Him and who He is and what He is asking us to do. What the Israelites lacked was a personal experience with God. Once we begin to know who God is we can no longer remain the same. No longer will we try to do things based on how we feel or what society says we should do but we will begin to base all our decisions on what God has instructed us to do either through His written Word or what the Holy Spirit leads and guides us to do, that will also line up with the Bible. He wants us to operate through faith; faith is like money in that we use money in exchange for goods and services. Likewise, faith will get you to move; it will create an exchange to get what you believe God for. As in 2nd Peter 3:18 as we grow in knowledge of God we will continue to have this increase of grace and peace in our lives. This is not a one-time event but a continual process. The more Word you understand the more you grow in your belief of what God is able and willing to go for you. You will begin to believe God for more.

In Colossians 1:10, Paul writes: That you may walk (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of God [with fuller, deeper, and clearer insight, acquaintance, and recognition]. To walk with someone you must be in agreement with the direction you are going. God wants us to be in agreement with Him that we might experience more and more of Him. In return we will be fruitful and experience increase. God placed us on earth to be fruitful and multiply. In the teaching about the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) the third servant was considered wicked and lazy. Why would God consider him wicked and lazy, when he didn't lose the money he was given? He gave back what was given to him. God wants us to be fruitful and multiply, He wants what He has entrusted us with to be increased for His glory. God wants us wealthy in order to do ministry. This is His main goal and as a byproduct of this we have wealth.

We have been assigned to be God's law enforcement agents. When Satan comes against you God has given you His Word to speak to him. God's Word begins as a seed and it's up to you to put His Word to use! Operate in faith! True change comes only when you make a change. I pray that the Lord gives you the desire to want to change! Psalm 37:4