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A Powerful People

LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

Worldly Definition of Power

“In human relationships, power refers to the capacity of one individual or group to influence the behaviour, thoughts, or actions of another. It's the ability to shape, control, or direct the actions of others, whether through direct force, persuasion, or the control of resources. Power is a dynamic aspect of social interactions, and its presence or absence can significantly impact relationship dynamics”

- Google response

5 Types of Power

1

Reward Power:
Offering benefits to
bribe someone

2

Coercive Power:
Using punishment or
force to exercise power

3

Positional Power
Using a position of
authority to exert power

4

Expert Power:
Using access to
knowledge or expertise
to keep power

5 Types of Power (cont.)

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Referent Power

“The ability to influence others based on personal qualities that inspire admiration, respect, and trust, rather than through formal authority or expertise. It stems from the connection a person builds with others, making them want to follow or emulate the leader.”

John 18 (NLT)

1 After saying these things, Jesus crossed the Kidron Valley with his disciples and entered a grove of olive trees. 2 Judas, the betrayer, knew this place, because Jesus had often gone there with his disciples. 3 The leading priests and Pharisees had given Judas a contingent of Roman soldiers and Temple guards to accompany him. Now with blazing torches, lanterns, and weapons, they arrived at the olive grove.

4 Jesus fully realised all that was going to happen to him, so he stepped forward to meet them.

“Who are you looking for?” he asked.

5 “Jesus the Nazarene,” they replied.

“I Am he,” Jesus said. (Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them.) 6 As Jesus said “I Am he,” they all drew back and fell to the ground! 7 Once more he asked them, “Who are you looking for?”

And again they replied, “Jesus the Nazarene.”

8 “I told you that I Am he,” Jesus said.

“And since I am the one you want, let these others go.” 9 He did this to fulfil his own statement: “I did not lose a single one of those you have given me.”

Observations

1. His power demonstrated in His very **nature**
2. His power demonstrated in **self-control** vs others-control
3. His power demonstrated in fearless pursuit of **loving connection**
4. His power demonstrated in fearless expression of **truth**

Danny Silk - 'Keep Your Love On'

1

Passive

You matter, I don't

2

Aggressive

I matter, you don't

3

Passive-Aggressive

You matter...no...just
kidding!

4

Assertive

I matter and so do you

2 Timothy 1:7

...”for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”