

The Power of Now

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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We can never go back to the beginning, and we cannot control what tomorrow will bring because it seems that life has no guarantee. Certainly, God's best is waiting for us now; thus, we must learn how to live today to the fullest.

Reading: The Wedding at Cana (Jn. 2:1-11)

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first, and then the cheaper wine; but you have saved the best till now." (Jn. 2:10). Many people have misquoted the verse relating it to how Jesus saved the best for last. However, the message has imparted that Jesus saved the best for us now. God has a lot of great things for us in the future, but He is also telling us that the best for us is already here. We do not have to wait because He is the God of today, and His power is the greatest right now.

The problem with power is that we see it as a big demonstration. Jesus was born in the manger. He was a carpenter, and His friends were outcasts and marginalized. Seemingly, Jesús who was dying on the cross did not appear powerful, but it was Him who saved mankind from eternal damnation.

Let us not look for power from the world's perspective. On the contrary, let us look for the power within us because Jesus is the God-made flesh who now dwells among us.

The three stages on how we can lose the power of now (Ps. 1:1):

1. When we walk

- When we walk our lives in the mentality of the past and tomorrow, we are eventually going to walk in discouragement, frustration, and despair.

2. When we stand

- Not seeing any progress, we end up just standing overwhelmed, anxious, and troubled.

3. When we sit

- we get tired of standing for a long time. And when we are sitting down, we talk about how great our life used to be, etc. When we are just sitting there and not moving around, we waste one good day after another.

We walk, we stand, and we sit - that is how we lose opportunities of having the best of our lives today. Knowing this, let us not waste more chances to live the best of our 'now'. Let us also be careful of the **two thieves** (yesterday and tomorrow) that will steal the joy of our today. These thieves get us to live in the shame and pain of the past, in the failures and mistakes, and even in the success of yesterday. The enemy sets us back to the past, and he can also steal our joy through our tomorrow.

Yesterday is over, and we are uncertain about tomorrow. But 'now' is what we are guaranteed. It is not our job to worry about tomorrow (Mt. 6:34). God is giving us enough strength, grace, and power to go about our next days (Deut. 33:25).

The word **NOW**, when spelled backward, becomes **WON**. Let us keep in mind that every battle that we face is already won. We already won when we decided to claim and believe in the now. "*Now, faith is confidence in what we hope for, and assurance about what we do not see.*" (Heb. 11:1). Let us believe in the power of God, who has saved the best for now. God's best is neither in the past nor in the future. NOW is the time to release the power of God in our lives.

Reflection: If this is your last day, how are you going to live your today?

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