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## TURN A CORNER!

*Why did Jesus bother to say, in His farewell address to His disciples, “All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth” (Mt. 28:18)? These men had seen Him raise the dead, go through closed doors, and walk on water! To these fellows, of all people, why should He now pronounce His power?*

*Because His leaving was about to effect a radical change. Up to now His power had been within Himself, but soon it was also going to be in them – and in us!*

*What should Christ’s power in you mean to you practically?*

*First, it should mean your weaknesses, your lack of gifts, your unfavorable circumstances are no hindrance at all to His working in your life. In fact, His power is “made perfect” in your weakness! As Paul said, enjoy the bonus of your inadequacies, that Christ’s power may rest on you (2 Co. 12:9).*

*Second, it should mean there’s no place for worry in your thinking. To paraphrase an old hymn, “If our love were but more simple, We should take Him at His word, And our lives would be all sunshine In the sweetness of our Lord.”*

*Third, it should mean you always acknowledge His power to be His – and never your own. He’s not to be competed with.*

The same Christ Who opened blind eyes and multiplied bread is working greater miracles now – in and through those who look to Him, wait on Him, trust Him to do them. First He lived on earth and demonstrated His power; then He put you and me on earth to demonstrate more power!

When circumstances seem out of your control, do you meddle to fix them? Are you a fusser, a worrier, a finagler? Believe Ephesians 3:20: “[He is] able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

Think of one problem, one frustration, one concern you have right now. Turn up the palms of your hands and deliver it over to His power. Then rest. You’ve turned a corner!