CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, August 21, 2016



PART 3

MY INADEQUACIES AND GOD’S POWER

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me**

**and delivered me from all my fears.**

Psalm 34:4

God is omnipotent . . .

“omnipotent” (all powerful)

 • power without limit

 • power without cost

• GOD HAS THE POWER TO CREATE:

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
    their starry host by the breath of his mouth.
He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
    he puts the deep into storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the Lord;
    let all the people of the world revere him.
For he spoke, and it came to be;
    he commanded, and it stood firm.

Psalm 33:6-9

The Universe is Immense

The Universe is Intricate

• GOD HAS THE POWER TO CONTROL:

The Lord foils the plans of the nations;
    he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,
    the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Psalm 33:10-11

And these are but the outer fringe of his works; how faint the whisper we hear of him! Who then can understand the thunder of his power?"

Job 26:14

God not only has all this power but he shares that power with us.

He gives strength to the weary
    and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
    and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
    will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
    they will run and not grow weary,
    they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:29-31

HOW DO WE PLUG INTO GOD’S POWER?

FAITH

Changing the orientation of your mind from your weakness to God’s power requires a hardball choice to trust God, a type of mental tenacity that most people don’t associate with Christianity.

Bill Hybels

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21