

Theme: Almighty
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“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (Matt. 19:26)

Bible verses: Jeremiah 32:17-18, Matthew 19:23-26; Philippians 4:12-13

The word “almighty” appears in the Bible 60 times. In Genesis, it is used to stress God’s loving blessings (28:3, 43:14, 48:3, 49:25). In Job, it is used to stress God’s righteous judgments (5:17, 8:3, 21:20, 27:13, 34:12, 37:23). In Revelation, it is used to stress God’s eternal power (1:8, 4:8, 11:17, 15:3, 19:6).

As we examine the entire narrative of the Bible, the greatest accomplishment of this almighty God, who is loving, righteous, and eternal, is the salvation He bestowed upon us sinners through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We were once sinners who had rebelled and forsaken the Lord but we, through the cross, have been released from sin and reunited with God.

For us Christians, to be able to recognize and believe in God’s almightiness brings us great hope, especially when we’re struggling to overcome all kinds of trials and weaknesses. We are able because the Lord *has made the heavens and the earth by His great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for Him.* (Jeremiah 32:17). The renewal and transformation of a human life cannot be accomplished by man alone; as the Bible says, “with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). May the Lord guide us as we follow Christ throughout our journey in life and model after Him. Let us learn to rely on this almighty God. By doing so, may we say what Paul said with faith and hope, “I can do all this through him who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:13).

REFLECTION

- Am I willing to lift up my weaknesses to the almighty God to ask Him for his help?
- When I pray for those around me, have I been able to trust in God and stop from worrying?

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- Ask God to help us gain a deeper understanding of his almightiness.
- Ask God to eliminate the distrust and pride that is in us so we can further rely on Him rather than on ourselves.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray that we, as a church, are humble, willing to rely on God, and reflect God’s power.

Pray for those who are suffering physically and mentally. May God heal and comfort them. May they find hope in the midst of their suffering.