

# The Greatest Name

Acts 16:16-18 & 19:13-17

**Acts 16:16-18** - <sup>16</sup> One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future. She earned a lot of money for her masters by telling fortunes. <sup>17</sup> She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved.” <sup>18</sup> This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon within her, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And instantly it left her (NLT)

# Where Does Our Power Come From?

- Acts 1:8 – Jesus told His disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received power (The Holy Spirit)
- Mark 16:17-18 – Jesus told His disciples in His name they would cast out demons, speak in new tongues and lay hands on the sick and see them recover

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- The name Jesus is the on switch to releasing the Holy Spirit's power

**Acts 3:16** - <sup>16</sup> “Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes.(NLT)

**Acts 4:30-31** - <sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” <sup>31</sup> After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness (NLT)

**Acts 19:13-17** - <sup>13</sup> A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, “I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!”  
<sup>14</sup> Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. <sup>15</sup> But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, “I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?”

<sup>16</sup> Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered. <sup>17</sup> The story of what happened spread quickly all through Ephesus, to Jews and Greeks alike. A solemn fear descended on the city, and the name of the Lord Jesus was greatly honored.(NLT)

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- There is more than saying the name of Jesus to see the power of God at work in our lives

- It is not simply the name that strikes fear into the heart of hell, it is the One who owns that name that terrifies every devil



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- We need to stop focusing on the power and just focus on Jesus.

# The Powerful Blood

- Access to the name and power of Christ only comes because of the blood of Christ
- **Colossians 1:19-20** - <sup>19</sup> For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, <sup>20</sup> and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.(NLT)

- When it comes to our relationship with Jesus, the blood is life
- Revelation 12:11 - <sup>11</sup> And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. (NKJV)

- It is the redemptive work of Jesus on the cross that gives life and freedom
- **2 Corinthians 1:20** - <sup>20</sup> For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory. (NLT)