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A Weak Connection

Text: *Mark 9:14-29*

Introduction:

† Speak To The Text

† The Significance of Prayer and sometimes Fasting

(Connects us to the Power Source)

The Power is Available but Sometimes Our Connection Is Weak

Romans 15:13 *Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, **through the power of the Holy Ghost.***

Ephesians 1:15-20 *Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, **16** Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; **17** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: **18** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, **19** And what is the exceeding greatness **of his power to us—ward who believe,** according to the working of his **mighty power, 20** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,*

Ephesians 3:20 *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that worketh in us,***

Colossians 2:10 *And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and **power**:*

2 Timothy 1:7a *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; **but of power**...*

1 Peter 1:5 *Who are kept by **the power** of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

Illustration: The old Energizer Bunny commercials. Nothing seems to stop the Energizer Bunny!

Note: The point of the commercial IS NOT the Bunny, but the Battery!

Illustration: It's important to have good batteries!

- † Cars won't start without good batteries
- † Flashlights go dim with weak batteries
- † Cell phones or of no use without a charged battery

Why? Because the battery is the POWER SOURCE!

Note: By The Way...There are two types of current. A/C and D/C. Alternating Current and Direct Current. The same is true in the church!

Some Folks in our Churches are hooked up on Alternating Current!

- † They Attend Church on Alternating Sundays
- † They Pray on Alternating Occasions
- † They Give on Alternating Occasions

Note: Don't be an A/C Christian!

Then there are those who are hooked up to the D/C or DIRECT CURRENT!

God is looking for some D/C Folks. **DEDICATED CHRISTIANS!**

- † People that He can depend on
- † People who don't just do things when it's convenient for them
- † People who "*press toward the mark*" daily
- † People who deny self, take up their cross, and follow Jesus

Note: God's looking for those who will keep on going no matter how tough it gets...Like the Energizer Bunny. **DEDICATED CHRISTIANS!**

Note: But...even a good battery is only half of the solution!

Illustration: There was a woman who was having trouble getting her car started. She would only get a clicking sound when she tried to crank it. So, naturally, she thought she needed a new battery. Without checking with anyone, she sent her son to get one. When the new battery was installed, she got the same clicking sound! *Finally, she got a mechanic to look at it and he told her the battery was not her problem. He said, "Ma'am, you have a good battery but your cables are bad."* She learned a valuable lesson that day. **You have to make sure that you have a good connection to the battery.**

Application: This is a lesson that we all can learn. Back to the text!

- † We need to check out connection to the **POWER SOURCE**...Jesus!
- † Our Problem is not our **POWER SOURCE**...It's our **CONNECTION!**

Three STEPS to Making Our CONNECTION to the Power Source Like IT Should Be:

1. Check for CORROSION

Note: You have to be cleaned if you want a good connection to the Power Source.

Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that worketh in us,**

Note: What good is it to have a connection to the power of the Almighty God at our disposal and let our connection get rusty and corroded?

CORROSION Causes a Bad CONNECTION!

Note: There are too many Christians that go through their lives hearing a “**Clicking Sound**” that suggests that there is POWER under the hood but it can’t get through!

Note: Many of us have the ability to achieve greatness through the exercise of our Gifts, but every time we turn the switch all we get is that “**Clicking Sound!**”

Note: As Christians, we need to CLEAN our CONNECTION with God!

Illustration: What can Corrode your Connection with God? **SIN!**

† **PRIDE** can Corrode your Cables and interfere with your Connection

† **HATRED** will keep you from a good Connection

† **JEALOUSY** will keep you from a good Connection

† **STRIFE** will keep you from a good Connection

† **UNFORGIVENESS** will keep you from a good Connection

Many More...

Note: Get rid of the things that are keeping you from having a Good Connection with your Power Source.

2 Timothy 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, **be strong** in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1 *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,*

1. Check for CORROSION

2. Check Your CONNECTION

Note: Once you are CLEANED, you have to be TIGHTENED!

Note: In Order to get energy from the Power Source, the Connection has to be tight! You can have a good battery but if the Connection is loose the Power can't get through!

The CONNECTION Must Be TIGHT!

Note: There can be no SPACE separating the cable from the battery post.

Application: Tighten up your Relationship with God.

Luke 9:23 *And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*

John 15:5 *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

1. Check for CORROSION 2. Check Your CONNECTION

3. Check Your CONVICTION

Note: You have to be Cleaned, Tightened and, GROUNDED!

Note: You have to make sure you have both cables connected. Along with the **HOT** wire, there must be a **GORUND** cable.

† Maybe your prayers don't seem to be getting through. **It could be that you are not properly grounded!**

† Your trying to sing His praises but **your Ground Wire is Loose!**

† Your Trying to Worship but **your Ground Wire is Loose!**

Question: How Do You Get Grounded? By The Word of God

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

† You're GROUNDED when you **ACCEPT CHRIST** as your **Personal Savior!**

† You're GROUNDED when you are **LED** by the **Holy Spirit!**

† You're GROUNDED when you **STAND** on the **Word of God!**

† Ground yourself to the belief that in Christ we live, move, have our being!

† Ground yourself to the Promises of God!

† Ground yourself to the fact that He will never leave or forsake you!

† Ground yourself to the fact that you are Eternally Secure!

† Ground yourself to the Doctrines of the Bible! (The Innerant Word of God – The Deity of Christ – Salvation by Grace through Faith – The Trinity of God - The Church, etc.)

† Ground yourself to your Hope in Glory!

† Ground yourself to the **SOON** Return of Christ

Are You Properly Connected To His Power?

CONCLUSION:

There is nothing wrong with our Power Source...It's Our Connection that needs to be checked!

1. If There is CORROSION...You have to be cleaned!

2. If The CONNECTION is Loose...It Has to be tightened!

3. If you're not properly Grounded...Develop Your CONVICTIONS!

