

Luke 4:36

Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out."

There is definitely power in God's word (***For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.***) (underlined for emphasis).

Think of electricity and how it can power up an entire city, or light a little 4-watt night light. God's word is the same, because it causes the mountains to melt like wax.

† ***Nahum 1:4-5 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, And dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither, And the flower of Lebanon wilts. The mountains quake before Him, The hills melt, And the earth heaves at His presence, Yes, the world and all who dwell in it.***

Or is gently enough to take care of a tiny little bird.

† ***Matt 6:26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?***

We have that same type of power with God's word.

† ***Matt 5:14-16 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.***

The question is, is your walk with Jesus just a little spark that no one even sees, because you are trying to generate light by your own efforts? Or is it a roaring flame where all come for comfort, because you are empowered with God's word? We can also associate it with a Light Store. Are you a light in a light store (the church), shining bright with all the other lights (other believers) in the store (church), but having no effect to the outside world because you are only shining in the light store (the church)?

So many Christians share what God has been doing with other Christians in the church, but never talk about how God is working in their lives outside the church. Yes we should share with one another in the church to encourage one another.

† ***Hebrews 10:25 (NLT2) And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.***

But we are also called to share the light (word) of Jesus outside of the church.

† **Mark 16:15** *And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”*

† **Luke 11:33** *No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light.*

Notice Jesus associates our sharing the gospel as a light. Now He never says how bright it is to shine, because it's not always the amount of brightness, but rather that you are shining for those (the lost) who need a light (The word), instead of shining under a basket (in the church).

If you have ever wondered what that really looks like, try this some time this week. Go into your closet (or your bathroom if there are no windows) and close the door so it's dark, even put something under the door so no light shines in. Then light a match or a lighter and see how much that little light (you), lights up the entire closet (the world). Now go into any room in your home and turn all the lights on, then light a match or lighter again, and you can see it really has no effect, because it (you) blends in with all the other light in the room (the church).

Which one are you right now, a little match in a well lite room? Or are you a little match in a dark room shining and lighting up the darkness?

If you feel like you are a little 4 watt nightlight, just remember that Jesus' words are the electricity, like we were talking about in at the beginning of today's devotional. Allow the light of Jesus to shine through you in a dark world (like it did in your closet) exposing the darkness, and shining for all in a dark world to see.

† **Ephesians 5:11** *And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.*

† **Matthew 5:16** *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*