

A scenic view of a sunset over the ocean. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds against a bright blue background. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow that reflects on the calm water. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

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2Kings 6:8-23

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- Christians must walk by the same kind of faith, making choices in life to flee immorality and to pursue righteousness
 - 2Cor. 5:7 - “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”
- Our enemy is powerful and crafty
 - 1Peter 5:8-9 - “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”

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- However, our God is all-powerful and all-wise
 - James 4:7 - “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”
 - 1John 4:4 - “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”

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- The power of God:
- To create all things
 - Rom. 1:20 - “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead...”
 - Acts 17:26-28 - “And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring”

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- The power of God:
- To protect and save His people
 - Ex. 14:13-14 - “And Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”
 - 2Chron. 20:15-24

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- The power of God:
- To deliver and vindicate His people
 - Rom. 8:30-39
- Note the terms:
 - Savior - vs. 32
 - Intercessor - vs. 34
 - Defender - vs. 38

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- The power of God:
- To keep our souls safe in the face of trials
 - 2Tim. 1:12 - “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”
 - 1Peter 1:6-7 - “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ”

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- The power of truth
 - Heb. 4:12 - “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

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- Truth is an attribute of God, part of His Being
 - Deut. 32:4 - “He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.”
 - John 17:17 - “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.”

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- Truth is the power that convicts the heart and saves the soul from sin
 - John 16:8, 13 - “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment... 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak...”
 - Rom. 1:16 - “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

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- Truth has the power to protect us
 - Eph. 6:10, 13-17 - “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might... 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”
 - “The simple step of a courageous individual is not to take part in the lie. One word of truth outweighs the world.” (Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn)

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- The power of love
 - 1John 4:17 - “Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.”
 - 1Peter 4:8 - “And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins.”
 - Col. 3:14 - “But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.”

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- Love has the power to overcome evil
 - Rom. 12:20-21 - “Therefore If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”
 - Matt. 5:43-45 - “You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”

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- The power of unity

- Eph. 4:1-6 - “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

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- The power of unity
 - Ecc. 4:9-12 - “Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. 11 Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

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- The power of forgiveness
 - Mark 11:25 - “And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.”



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- Matt. 18:21-27 - “Then Peter came to Him and said, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times? 22 Jesus said to him, I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. 23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all. 27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.”

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- Our spirit of forgiveness toward others must reflect God’s forgiveness of us
 - Eph. 4:32 - “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.”
 - Matt. 6:12, 14-15 - “And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors... 14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

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- Forgiveness has the power to heal offenses, strengthen relationships, and secure the bonds of love in the home and in the church.
- “When I'm praying for you, I am praying for my own peace of mind. I can only have for myself what I am willing to wish for you.” (Marianne Williamson)
- Forgiveness has a powerful effect on those who see it
 - Matt 18:31 - “So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.”

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- The power of God is at our disposal
 - Phil. 2:12-13 - “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.”
- “With God, you are stronger than your struggles and more fierce than your fears. Let your life reflect the faith you have in God. Fear nothing and pray about everything. Be strong, trust God's word.” (Germany Kent)