



PINELLAS COMMUNITY CHURCH MESSAGE NOTES

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Series: The Ghost

Title: The Strength Within

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

For we are God's **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The word translated "**workmanship**" is the Greek word **POIEMA (poy'-ay-mah)**. It means handiwork, masterpiece, or craftsmanship; in English it **becomes the word "poem."**

Every masterpiece...every sculpture...has to go through times of shaping...times of chipping away...and times of polishing or smoothing.

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will **receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

"Receive"

- Definition: To take up; to catch; to take after presented
- It means "to come to believe something and act in accordance to that belief"

"Power"

- This word literally means "miraculous power".
- This is a power beyond what we are capable of (more than discipline).
- We actually get our English word "**Dynamite**" from this word.

Luke 10:19 (NIV)

"I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the **POWER** of the enemy; nothing will harm you."

A Prayer of Oneness:

Jesus, my prayer is that your church may be ONE, just as you and the Father are one.

- Let our unity show the world your love.
- Let our unity attract others to this family.
- Let our unity bring glory to you.

Read Ephesians 4:11-13 (NLT)

Message Version (Verse 13): ...until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults...

Oneness: the quality of being one; unity of thought, feeling, belief, aim; agreement; concord; a strong feeling of closeness or affinity.

My son discovered he could whistle last week. You should have seen his excitement and our amazement...he's 22 months old! It's fun to discover new talents and even more fun to discover a divine gift.

Every Christ follower has been given a divine or spiritual gift (1 Corinthians 12:7). God gives us these gifts to encourage us, but more importantly, to build up the church (serving, loving, giving, etc.) If we don't search for our gift, we are not doing our part to grow spiritually. If we don't use our gifts to serve, we are not honoring God with our responsibility to love others. The goal is a group of uniquely gifted individuals who are one in Christ. We need each other to be one.

We (the church) need your gifts, your leadership, your talents, and your perspective, in order for us to be one in Christ. What could God do through PCC if all of us, bringing our gifts to the table to build up the church "were moving rhythmically and easily with each other" towards a unified vision? We can't be one without many.

Devotional by: Aaron Ellis (Executive Pastor of Ministries)

Prayer Emphasis:

- Ask God to reveal to you your gift that you bring to the oneness of PCC
- Ask God for the courage to step in to the action and be a part of what God is doing through the PCC community (giving, volunteering, small groups, leading)
- Pray that God will raise up leaders within our congregation (maybe you) that will use their gifting to equip others to discover their potential in Christ.
- Pray for the leadership of PCC (Discernment, wisdom, courage, peace, clarity of truth, their families, their hearts)
- Pray for the community that God has called PCC to reach and what your individual role is in that adventure.

On May 30th, we will be fielding questions about the Holy Spirit. You will be given the opportunity to text your questions in during the service or you can email your questions now to...

AskMark@PCCOnline.tv