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Grace Notes Radio Program

SERIES: POWER

Title: God is the source

SONGS: EXALT THE NAME

CONSIDER THE LILIES

INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. Barbara Sandbek is beginning a new series today on the subject of POWER. Through these studies we'll learn about the power of God for us and the power of God in us. We'll address such things as power in prayer, power in purity, power in God's presence and more. You won't want to miss a single broadcast.

Everybody wants POWER these days.

**Well, I want you to know, I have found the true source...
and right in my grocery store!**

**It's Power beads...\$2.99 each - HOT NEW ITEM - made in China.
The sign says...'Collect all colors - WEARING is believing.'**

Now here's what some of the labels claim...

- Better health: acts like a tonic**
- Strength: gives stamina to face life's challenges**
- Energy: gives spring in the body**
- Intelligence: stimulates your intellectual being**
- Love: nurture's relationships and romance**

And this is my favorite one...

- Success: BRINGS accomplishments your way!**

Seems silly doesn't it, yet people fall for it!

In fact, people fall for everything but the obvious.

And the obvious is that GOD is the source of ALL POWER!

**King David.. the greatest King of all time understood the power of God.
He prayed as recorded in 1 Chronicles 29...**

**Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel
from everlasting to everlasting.**

**Yours, O Lord is the greatness and the POWER
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.**

You are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from you.

You are the ruler of all things.

**In your hands are strength and POWER
to exalt and give strength to all.**

**Listen to selected verses from Job 36 & 37 concerning
God's incredible power...**

God is exalted in His power.

Who is a teacher like Him?

**Who has prescribed His ways for Him,
or said to Him "You have done wrong"?**

How great is God - beyond our understanding!

The number of His years is past finding out.

**Listen, listen to the roar of His voice,
to the rumbling that comes from His mouth.**

**He unleashes His lightning beneath the whole Heaven
and sends it to the ends of the earth.**

God's voice thunders in marvelous ways;

He does great things beyond our understanding.

Stop and consider God's wonders.

**Do you know how God controls the clouds
and makes His lightning flash?**

**Do you know how the clouds hang poised,
those wonders of Him who is perfect in knowledge?**

The Almighty is beyond our reach and exalted in power.

**Why is it that we don't want to admit we need help?
Even children act this way.**

I remember a time when our oldest son was playing basketball outside for hours. It was a brisk day, a preview of what was in store for the winter. When he came inside, his hands were swollen and white. We knew what that meant - frostbite. Dale and I stood on each side of him over a sink and massaged his hands in tepid water. Helpless as he was, he looked up and said, "Gee you'd think at 12 you could handle anything wouldn't you?"

We think if we look to God, we're not in control, but, we're not in control if we don't look to God.

We loose our battles when we expect too much out of ourselves and not enough out of God.

**After all, what can we really do without Him?
Maybe our view of God is too small.**

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Man walked upon the moon

God spoke it into existence.

Man learned to split the atom

God created it.

Man flaunts the test-tube babies

God gives them breath of life.

Man prides himself in knowledge

God is wise.

Man cannot cure the common cold

cannot stop from growing old

cannot tell what weather will be

cannot plan for eternity

But...

God can heal if he chooses to

can make a calloused heart brand new

can calm the storm or toss the sea

can build a mansion for you and me.

I found some statistics that helped broaden my view of God.

God created light.

The speed of light 186,000 mps.

That means you can sneeze and travel the earth seven times.

It takes eight light minutes for light to travel from our sun to the earth.

It takes 5 1/2 light hours for light to travel from our sun to Pluto.

And it takes 5 light years for light to travel from our sun to the nearest star. And there are as many stars in the universe as there are grains of sand.

WOW! Does that put some things in perspective for you? It does for me!

Our GOD is an AWESOME GOD!

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We tend to associate power with aloofness. I always figured that the powerful president of the companies I worked for had no time for peons like me.

Well, God is ALL powerful, yet He is concerned with little things.

Elizabeth Elliott told of letter she'd received from a lady detailing a true incident.

The lady said she was mountain climbing and came to a difficult ledge. She pulled the rope a little too taut and it hit her in the eye, popping out one of her contact lens.

Remembering the verse that says...

'The eyes of God go to and fro throughout the whole earth' she prayed...

"God, from your vantage point, you can see exactly where the contact is...so please help me find it."

She looked around. Every drop of water and every glistening rock looked like the lens, but it was nowhere to be found.

Disappointed, she began the descent down the mountain. As she was climbing down, a friend was climbing up and hollered...

“Hey, anyone lose a contact?

There’s an ant carrying it down the mountain”.

It came special delivery for her – from a hard working ant.

She said it was as if God had given her a big hug and said

“My precious daughter, I care about every detail of your life”.

I’m sure you can think of times when God has helped you in a small way, too.

The song I’m going to close with talks about a passage of Scripture that says that God knows when a sparrow falls. When I first read that I found it hard to understand why God would concern Himself with such insignificant things.

At that time, my son had a lawn care business, and since I was cheap labor (like free) he asked me to help him mow. As I was cutting and considering this verse, I saw in front of me a black blotch. I figured I’d just run over it like I did most everything else, but as I got closer to it, I realized it was a wounded black bird. I swerved to miss it, then watched as it inched itself over to a cement patio.

For the moment, I felt great love for that helpless bird. It enabled me to connect with how God just might feel for us insignificant creatures as we struggle to survive.

If God cares about sparrows and lilies of the field, which are here today and gone tomorrow...how much more does He care about you and me!

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