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Grace Notes Radio Program

SERIES: POWER

SET 2: God's power in us

SONGS: Amazing Grace

He's Alive 4:25

INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. Barbara Sandbek has been discussing the subject of Power. Today we'll talk about the power God displayed at the cross, and the power we can have through belief in Jesus. But first, Barbara, my mom, will share an illustration we both remember well!

One of the most momentous occasions in Kevin's life, and ours, was when he graduated from high school. I'd asked Dale if he'd videotape it, but he said he couldn't enjoy it as much if he did, so I said "No problem, I'll video it myself". Now, I need to tell you that I'm not mechanically inclined, but I was determined. Dale gave me a quick lesson, and I was on my way. I felt like a big-shot with that camera on my shoulder, pressing the micro-macro, zoom in-zoom out buttons. Boy was I good. I practiced a bit before the kids came in.

I remember it like it was yesterday...

I'm in the balcony overlooking the students. There he is! I'll center in on him. Now his row is standing to go to the stage. Let me get a few other kids, for memory sake. He's walking up front. Man, look at me...I'm doing it! He's on the step - time for the zoom in. Wow, I found the button! They're going to be so proud of my work. He's crossing over to get his diploma. What a moment. My heart is proud. I'll keep shooting until he goes back to his seat. We're really going to enjoy watching this later.

He sat down. It was over. What a sense of satisfaction. I was finished and relieved. I went to turn the record button off...and it was never on!

I wanted to say a big 'Auugh' like Charlie Brown did when Lucy pulled the football out from under him. I'd waited thirteen years for this moment and it was gone, forever! I stood there trying to figure out how I was going to redeem myself and realized that there had to be an illustration in this. I sat down in silence, humiliated, and then I thought of how proud I'd acted when I was doing my good deed. And I thought of

the many people, even in our churches, playing the role, saying all the right things, maybe even teaching Sunday School, who are not plugged in. They may look good, but there's no power behind their work, because they are not connected with the Power Source, Almighty God, through belief in Christ. They may live their whole life believing it will count for something – but when God opens the Book of Life he'll not find their name RECORDED there! How sad...

Jesus, Himself said in Matthew 7:22-23...

Many will say to me on that day “Lord, Lord, did we not prophecy in your Name, and in your Name drive out demons and perform many miracles?” Then I will tell them plainly, “I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers! Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord”, will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the WILL of my Father who is in Heaven.”

And the will of God, according to 2 Peter 3:9, is that we should repent – be sorry for what we've done, resolve not to do it again, and consciously turn from sin to God.

There's more to repentance than just feeling guilty. Judas Iscariot felt remorse over his betrayal of Christ, but instead of turning to the Lord for forgiveness, he chose to end his life.

Why repent? Because in writing about Heaven in Revelation 21:27, John said...

Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

2 Corinthians 5:21 states that God made Him(Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that IN HIM, we might become the righteousness of God.

We have no righteousness of our own.

Isaiah 64:6 says..our righteousness is as filthy rags in God's sight.

Ephesians 2:8-9 says...

For by GRACE are you saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast.

The thing that makes Christianity different from all other religions is grace – and it's truly amazing.

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In John 11:25 Jesus said..

"I am the resurrection and the life, He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

True repentance enables us to believe in Christ, the life giver.

When we believe on His name, which means SAVIOR, He gives us POWER to become the sons of God.

God places HIMSELF in US through the Holy Spirit.

Just think, God's temple and his presence is in US.....WOW!

Ephesians 1:19-20 says...

We're given INCOMPARABLE GREAT POWER like the working of His mighty strength which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead.

Do we really understand what this means?

The same power that God used to raise Christ from dead is in us through the Holy Spirit.

Then why do we act so defeated as Believers!

God's power defeated death and sin when Christ rose from the grave.

We serve a LIVING Savior – not a dead Buddah.

We're not fighting a LOSING BATTLE...we've WON because HE'S WON!

What's keeping you from joining the winning team?

**The Apostle Peter denied Christ but God forgave him.
God will forgive you, too, of anything you've ever done and give you the
power to be his child and to live eternally.**

Let's listen now to Peter's story of repentance and forgiveness!

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