Devotion for Pastor Companions July 20, 2020

GOD POWER!!

Colossians 2:9-10, New International Version

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

My kids have a saying: "Harper Power!" My husband started that with the boys when they were young and their Grandfather enjoyed that phrase too. Many times I've heard Brittany use it and it reminds her that she is strong. The key to saying, "Harper Power," is that you have to throw up both arms while making a fist with each hand and flex your muscles. As you are doing that, you raise your voice and cry out, "Harper Power!" There is something that happens inside of you when you hear your name mixed with the word POWER. You feel emboldened and undefeatable! You could try it with your name too—Throw your arms up, make a fist and yell out "(Last name) Power!" Did it work? Did it make you feel invincible? You may not *look* stronger, but you might *feel* stronger! In the end, we realize our name does not make us stronger, but the connection that we have to family empowers us.

Today, I am coining the phrase: "GOD POWER!" Yes, I am strong—but God is stronger! The Word of God reminded me that "He is head over every power and authority." Christ lives in me and I have GOD POWER! As a Child of God, I have the ability to call on His Name and He promises to hear and to answer. GOD POWER! His power is with me in the sad times and in the happy times. His power is present on the job and in the laundry room. His power is strong when I am faced with adversity and when I am called to serve someone else. It's "GOD POWER!"

I forget how strong He is when I look around at what is going on in my world. This America is not the same "safe" place that it was just 10 years ago. I have been blessed to travel to a few different countries and I have always been thankful when I returned home. I am still grateful for my Home in America and my Constitution that was based on God. However, I am not blind to the unrest that has permeated our Country. During these times, it is easy to forget how powerful God is, but He reminded me through His Word that "He is the head over every power and authority." I'm not telling you to "name it and claim it." Just because you claim something in Jesus' Name, does not mean He will give it to you. However, recognizing the Power of God in us!

Throw up your arms, make your fists and say, "GOD POWER," when you are faced with fear. Throw up your arms, make your fists and say, "GOD POWER," when you are faced with adversity. Throw up your arms, make your fists and say, "GOD POWER," when you are insecure about your future! God is in control! We are stronger with Him as the Head and Authority over all! **GOD POWER!**