

The Almighty One

- As a child have you ever heard or said my dad can beat up your dad.
- Maybe you were or still in to super heroes. Batman, Superman, Fantastic four, The Hulk, and the list goes on.
- We think that our super heroes are indestructible. All of our heroes had a weakness. Superman could be hurt with kryptonite.
- I think the world is looking for a hero that they can believe in. Someone that can protect them, provide for them and be there for them.
- We tend to look for a leader to be our hero or a soldier or even someone that had done something heroic like the men that stopped the guy on the train in France.
- We tend to look toward the temporary for our protection. We look toward those who strong by worldly standards to be our hero.
- **8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”**
- God declares to John that he is the first and the last. There is no end to God. He is eternal.
- God is all-powerful
- **Mark 10:27 (NLT) — 27 Jesus looked at them intently and said, “Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God.”**
- **Luke 1:37 (NLT) — 37 For the word of God will never fail.”**
- God’s plans can’t be stopped
- **Job 42:2 (NLT) — 2 “I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you.**
- **Isaiah 14:27 (NLT) — 27 The LORD of Heaven’s Armies has spoken— who can change his plans? When his hand is raised, who can stop him?”**
- Did you ever make plans then have to change them because the project was bigger than what you can handle? With God there is no plan that is beyond His capability!!
- I want to speak to some of the events that have been going on in our world. Some of my opinions you may disagree with but I feel that they need to be addressed.
- We remember the recent terrorist attacks around the world. When we think about them we have a certain level of fear in our hearts.
- We react with fear when refugees want to enter our country and we ask the question how do we know there aren’t any terrorist mixed in with the refugees?
- What do we do as Christians? What should be our response?
- We serve an almighty God! God tells us we should not fear.

- **Isaiah 35:4**
- **Say to those with fearful hearts, “Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you.”**
- **Jeremiah 42:11**
- **Do not fear the king of Babylon anymore,’ says the LORD. ‘For I am with you and will save you and rescue you from his power.**
- **Ezekiel 2:6**
- **“Son of man, do not fear them or their words. Don’t be afraid even though their threats surround you like nettles and briars and stinging scorpions. Do not be dismayed by their dark scowls, even though they are rebels.**
- **2 Timothy 1:7**
- **For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.**
- Why would God give us a spirit of power, love and self-discipline?
- We see and hear stories of Christians being tortured, imprisoned and even killed for their faith.
- In those stories we hear stories of extreme courage.
- These stories of courage proving that God gives of that spirit of power not a spirit of fear. It demonstrates God’s almighty power working through us.
- His power is demonstrated in how he delivered His children out of slavery.
- **Deuteronomy 9:29 (NLT) — 29 But they are your people and your special possession, whom you brought out of Egypt by your great strength and powerful arm.’**
- **Jeremiah 32:21 (NLT) — 21 “You brought Israel out of Egypt with mighty signs and wonders, with a strong hand and powerful arm, and with overwhelming terror.**
- His power is demonstrated through Jesus.
- **Acts 2:24 (NLT) — 24 But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.**
- **Romans 1:4 (NLT) — 4 and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.**
- **Colossians 2:13–15 (NLT) — 13 You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. 15 In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.**
- God’s power is seen in His works.

- **Jeremiah 32:17–19 (NLT) — 17 “O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you! 18 You show unfailing love to thousands, but you also bring the consequences of one generation’s sin upon the next. You are the great and powerful God, the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. 19 You have all wisdom and do great and mighty miracles. You see the conduct of all people, and you give them what they deserve.**
- Paul wrote in Romans 8:31–32 (NLT)
- **31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? 32 Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else?**
- If God is for us who can ever be against us. Think about that statement!
- If God is for us can terrorists be against us?
- If God is for us can illness be against us?
- I could go on and on about how powerful our God is.
- My niece was on a mission’s trip in the Dominican Republic. When she went to come home she found out she had to pay to leave. She had \$50 but needed \$90.
- She went around the airport begging for money. A man asked how much she told him. He gave her the \$40 she needed and when she looked up he was gone.
- Our God is great!
- Remember my sermon a couple of weeks ago? God provides and some of you shared how God provided. Those stories are examples of the power of God!
- Examples of how God intervenes for us.
- I asked what should our response be about the Syrian refugees.
- I believe that we should respond in love.
- The fact that we serve a God that is all powerful. There is nothing in all of creation that is His equal.
- If no one can be against us, then let’s show the world the power of God through our acts of love.
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