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Message Notes



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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*What's one of your favorite memories  
from a New Year's Celebration?*

1. Read **Exodus 7:5**. God demonstrated His power in relevant, understandable ways to the Egyptians, confronting their false beliefs head-on. What are relevant ways you've seen God reveal His power through the church to impact culture today?
2. Read **Exodus 9:1-7, 10:21-23**, and **2 Samuel 22:29**. Pastor Tom shared how God uses His power precisely and justly to "both comfort and confront, encourage and challenge, rebuke and restore simultaneously in the right people's lives." Which of these phrases describes how God is working in and through you now? Explain.
3. Read **Exodus 8:16-19**. God's power is unmatched. How does God's unmatched power give you unique perspective when facing life experiences?
4. Read **Numbers 11:29b** and **Ephesians 5:18**. God invites you to be filled with His Holy Spirit and rely on His power. What obstacles or attitudes do you need to surrender to God to embrace this invitation?
5. As a group, pick a time to remind one another to be filled with the Holy Spirit each day this week (via text, group chats, etc.). Then, at your next group session, unpack how the week went and your takeaways from the experience.

## PERSONAL GUIDE

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from  
Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

*Day One:* Luke 15; Psalm 148

*Day Two:* Numbers 31; Proverbs 24

*Day Three:* Hebrews 5; 2 Kings 22

*Day Four:* 2 Timothy 4; Ezekiel 25

*Day Five:* Job 24; Acts 8



## Milestones - Part 2

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