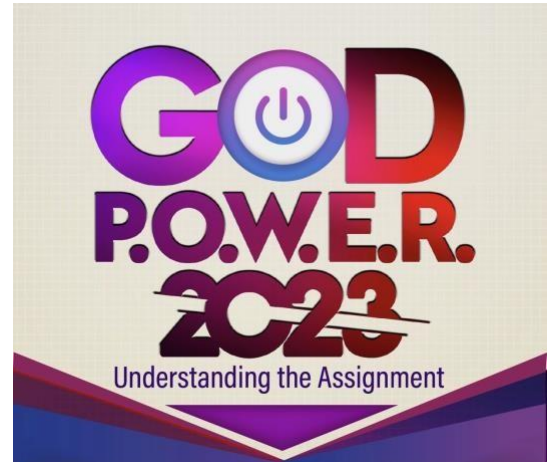


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2023 Focus: GOD P.O.W.E.R: Understanding The Assignment

“KNOWING YOUR ASSIGNMENT”

- ❖ Human beings were created with a purpose.
- ❖ Divine assignments precede human births.
- ❖ We were placed on Earth to solve problems.
- ❖ Failure to understand assignments will lead to abuse or forfeiture of it.
- ❖ Often our backgrounds & history are precursors of our assignments.

The Lenten season gives us an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus prior to the fulfilling of His assignment. The Gospel of John focuses on the divinity of Jesus. Jesus' life is presented through “seven signs or seven miracles.”

“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.” **Jeremiah 1:5 KJV**

John 13:1-6, 8-20 (MSG)

Just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world to go to the Father. Having loved his dear companions, he continued to love them right to the end. It was supertime. The Devil by now had Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, firmly in his grip, all set for the betrayal. Jesus knew that the Father had put him in complete charge of everything, that he came from God and was on his way back to God. So he got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron. When he got to Simon Peter, Peter said, “Master, you wash my feet?” Peter persisted, “You’re not going to wash my feet—ever!” Jesus said, “If I don’t wash you, you can’t be part of what I’m doing.” “Master!” said Peter. “Not only my feet, then. Wash my hands! Wash my head!” Jesus said, “If you’ve had a bath in the morning, you only need your feet washed now and you’re clean from head to toe. My concern, you understand, is holiness, not hygiene. So now you’re clean. But not every one of you.” (He knew who was betraying him. That’s why he said, “Not every one of you.”) After he had finished washing their feet, he took his robe, put it back on, and went back to his place at the table. Then he said, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You address me as ‘Teacher’ and ‘Master,’ and rightly so. That is what I am. So if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other’s feet. I’ve laid down a pattern for you. What I’ve done, you do. I’m only pointing out the obvious. A servant is not ranked above his master; an employee doesn’t give orders to the employer. If you understand what I’m telling you, act like it—and live a blessed life. “I’m not including all of you in this. I know precisely whom I’ve selected, so as not to interfere with the fulfillment of this Scripture: The one who ate bread at my table Will stab me in the back. “I’m telling you all this ahead of time so that when it happens you will believe

that I am who I say I am. Make sure you get this right: Receiving someone I send is the same as receiving me, just as receiving me is the same as receiving the One who sent me.””

1) Resolve To Maintain Flexibility—v. 1

- A. Be sensitive to “shifts”
- B. Be subject to the “Source”

2) Realize The Source of Your Authority— v. 3-4

- A. Know what’s in your hands
- B. Know how to connect with Heaven

3) Recognize The Importance of Your Journey— v.5

- A. Know your history
- B. Know your destiny

4) Remember To Leave a Legacy

- A. Love
- B. Service
- C. Discernment
- D. Humility
- E. Scripture
- F. Purpose