



52 Weeks of Power

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Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

- Romans 12:2

We all carry things that hold us back. Some are visible and others are invisible.. fear, shame insecurity, or disappointment... can quietly weigh us down, shaping how we see ourselves and our future. I'm grateful we have a God that doesn't want to leave us stuck.

Isaiah 43:19 reminds us, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” Even in the middle of our invisible struggles, God is moving. What can feel like an ending is often the beginning of something special.

Katherine Wolf shared a beautiful message with us on Sunday and she said this: “My suffering can feel a little more bearable when I live who I’ve become because of it.” We read in James 1:4 that suffering can produce perseverance that leads to maturity. That’s right! What holds us back doesn’t have to define us, it can refine us. What looks like a limitation can become an instrument of healing for others. Your story and your scars carry hope that someone else needs.

When we lean into Jesus, hope becomes the strength that keeps us moving, even when the wheelchair, visible or invisible, feels heavy.

REFLECT:

Question 1: What “invisible wheelchair” might be holding you back in this season?

Question 2: How has God used past wounds or struggles in your life to encourage or heal others?

Question 3: What would it look like for you to see hope not as a destination, but as a force that carries you forward?

PRAYER:

Lord, thank You that You are doing a new thing, even in the wilderness of my life. Help me see the invisible wheelchairs not as barriers, but as places where Your strength and hope can shine through. Use my wounds for healing and my story to push Your church forward. Amen.