

## Playing on Jesus Team Bible Study Series

### Part 3 “You Need Power to Serve”

#### Luke 9:46-62 (ESV)

**INTRODUCTION:** What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our Serve to God? We know that God’s Spirit is at work in us as believers. The Holy Spirit renews us, regenerates us, trains us, teaches us, and transforms us. All of these things transform us as believers into effective witnesses and servants for God.

**Acts 1:8 (ESV)** “*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*”

**Luke 9:1 (ESV)** “*And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases.*”

**Key Thought:** God’s Power is to Serve God’s Purpose

The power to play our part requires...

#### I. A Heart of Humility (Luke 9: 46-48 ESV)

Pay attention to:

##### 1. The way of the World

Mark 9:33-34 (ESV)

a. Selfish ambition can cause disputes, arguments. A person who pursues the world soon forgets the cross. **II Peter 1:9 (ESV)** “*For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.*”

b. The disciples were arguing over “Who was the Greatest” **V.34 (ESV)** said, they “kept silent” - “held their peace.” The disciples knew they had done wrong and were

ashamed and embarrassed. Their ambition led to arguing and division. Their ambition shamed them.

c. Jesus Knows are Self Ambitions. **Luke 9:47 (ESV)** “***But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts...***” They were thinking in terms of power, fame, wealth, position, and name.

**Matthew 23:12 (ESV)** “***Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.***”

**Matthew 20:25-26 (ESV)** “***But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,”***”

d. Our Selfish ambition needed to be corrected, instructed, and guided in the right direction. **II Timothy 2:15-16 (NIV)** “***Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 16 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.***”

2. The way of a Child (V. 47-48 (ESV)

“***But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side.***”

a. Jesus shows us what true Greatness (Humility) looks like on Jesus team. He uses a Child as an example. During the time of Jesus Children were the least respected. They were powerless, irrelevant, and the least important people to listen to.

b. Jesus says being on my team means associating and accepting people that are least and least important. Loving, Helping, and Accepting.

3. The way of Jesus (V.48 (ESV)

“and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.”

**Matthew 20:26-28 (ESV)** “It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, 28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

True greatness or humility is measured by your servanthood. God’s power is used to serve people.

**Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV)** “In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross.”

The power to play our part requires:

## II. A Generous and Peaceable attitude (Luke 9:49-56 ESV)

Being on Jesus Team:

### 1. Is Bigger than you Think

**Philippians 1:15-18 (NLT)** “It’s true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. 16 They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News. 17 Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me. 18 But that doesn’t matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the

message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice.”

a. We will experience Jealousy and Envy on the team.

**I Corinthians 11:18-19 (NIV)** “In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. 19 No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God’s approval.”

b. We should Support all the ministers of the gospel of Christ.

**Philippians 4:3 (ESV)** “Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored[c] side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.”

b. Don’t be surprised by Rejection

Look at **Luke 9:55-56 (NCV)** “But Jesus turned and scolded them. [And Jesus said, “You don’t know what kind of spirit you belong to. 56 The Son of Man did not come to destroy the souls of people but to save them.” Then they went to another town.”

**Luke 6:27-29 (NIV)** “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. 29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.”

c. Staying Focused on the Mission **Luke 9:56 (ESV)**

“So they went on to another village.”

**John 4:39-42 (NIV)** “Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” 40 So when

*the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. 41 And because of his words many more became believers. 42 They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”*

### III. An all-in Commitment to Follow Jesus (Luke 9:57-62 ESV)

*“As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” 59 To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” 60 And Jesus[c] said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” 61 Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” 62 Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”*

Jesus invites you to live with:

- a. Humility
- b. Urgency
- c. Clarity