

**First Baptist Church of Hampton**  
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**February 26, 2023**  
**Sermon Outline Closed Notes:**

**Sermon Scripture:** Ephesians 3:20 (New King James Version)

**Message Title:** Let's Go Part 7: The Power is in Us!

**Current/Scripture Context:**

- One of our great problems in our walk with Christ is that we have been given **power**, but in most of us it never is **accessed**; it never is **approached**; it never is actualized because we fail to take the **risk** of using our power to bring **glory** to God!
- Many of us have some **loose** connections that cause our power to be **less** than it should be.
- Paul, the artisan of Jesus' post-ascension apostolic movement, writes this letter, not from a posh **villa** overlooking the steely **blue** waters of the Mediterranean Sea, but from a dark, dreary, Roman **dungeon**.
  - He understood that his **survival**, his strength, and his **sanity** were all because of the power at work within him.
- Paul said this can't just be my power, because if it was my power, I would **give** up because I keep **trying** to push life's **boulder** uphill...it's the power at work **within** me!
- In order to access the power **inside** of you, then you must go to God who gave you this power!
- The word for power in the text is the Greek word, *dunamis*. This means that you need more than **human** power; you need **supernatural** power!

**Relevant Question(s):**

- Why would God give me/us power?

**Sermon Observations:**

1. God gives us power because you are called to be one of God's **steady workers**.
2. God gives us power because you are called to be one of God's **secret weapons**.

**Calvary Connection:**

- Jesus is our **secret weapon**; Jesus is a **steady worker**. Up Calvary's **steep** hill, He kept on working; to Joseph's **tomb**, He kept on working. He worked all night Friday and early on Sunday morning, He worked His **way** out of that **tomb**! It's up to us to keep up His work **together**!

- BONUS: How did the fire ants get across the water? **They made themselves into a living raft!**