

# The Power of God (2/20/22)

**Main Verses:** Romans 1:16-17

**Key Verse:** Romans 1:16

**'Takeaway':** The gospel is "good news" that through Jesus alone we can be saved by faith alone.

**Getting Started:** What makes you feel ashamed?



**READ** the main verses (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- Why does Paul want to share the gospel (Good News) message?
- Why is the gospel message different from other messages? (It is powered by God)
- What does it mean to be righteous? What does it mean to live by faith?

Elementary:

- Why is Paul eager (not ashamed) to share the gospel (Good News)?
- What makes the gospel message different from others? (Power of God that brings salvation) What is salvation (what does it mean to be saved)?
- What does it mean to be righteous? How do the righteous live by faith?
- What might "from faith to faith" mean?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- God always does what is right. It is who he is.
- Salvation is a gift from a righteous and powerful God. It is not something we can do for ourselves.
- God calls us to simply trust that Jesus did everything we needed to be right with God.

Elementary:

- The cause of salvation is the grace of God, the will of God, and the power of God working through the message.
- God's righteousness is a gift from him to us, declaring us "justified" (made right).
- "From faith to faith" emphasizes the entire process of being declared righteous - from start to finish - by simply trusting in this Good News This faith is itself a gift from God.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, thanking him for the gospel powered by him. Thank him for always being righteous and for giving us the gift of living by faith and to be made right by him. Ask him to help your heart seek him first in all things, instead of living a me-centered, selfish life.

(Elementary) Talk to God, thanking him for the great gift his powerful message of salvation in a world that was created by God and made for his glory alone. Admit to him that you have lived a me-centered life in a God-centered universe. Believe what he has said – that Jesus came to die and rise again for your sins; that only through Jesus can you know and live for God. In light of his marvelous power and grace, commit yourself wholeheartedly to following and obeying him in all things. If you pray these things, talk to a trusted adult in your life, asking him/her to help you continue to grow in new life.