

Pastor's Patch: Power



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This week there was a powercut affecting Brixham. It apparently meant loss of power to all the area of TQ5 and TQ6. Unable to work on my laptop in the church office, I went for a stroll around town bumping into friends in local businesses and shops who were all facing the same challenge. Some businesses were grateful for battery back-up resources, but many were plunged in darkness so that lighting, cooking, operating tills, and using wifi weren't possible.

As we continue considering the role of God's Holy Spirit, we surely know that He is the essential source of power for believers. Faced with the task of rebuilding the temple, the prophet Zechariah shared a word with Zerubbabel,

“Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty
(Zechariah chapter 4 verse 6)

When Jesus was sending his followers to go and make disciples He said,

*you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;
and you will tell everyone about me*
(Acts chapter 1 verse 8)

POINT TO PONDER

How often are we attempting to serve the Lord in our own strength? How sincere and diligent are we in coming to the Lord to seek His strength and overwhelming and allcapable Holy Spirit power?

Darrell Holmes

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SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026, 10.30AM

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Wherever you are, you can be part of it:

- **Pray for your place** - speak blessing, hope, and salvation over your town, your streets, your neighbours
- **Pray for people** - lift up friends, families, and those who do not yet know Jesus, asking for hearts to be opened
- **Pray for the Church** - unity across denominations, fresh fire, boldness, and a move of God across the South West

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Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24

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Christ Is Building His Church

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Since our last update, I have been reminded that Christ is faithfully building his Church in many places where ministry is costly. Across the Levant, North Africa and the Gulf, many of our students and graduates continue to serve in difficult circumstances. Their contexts differ, but our confidence remains the same: the Lord is present with his people and at work among them.

Our students are serving in Lebanon, Syria, and across the Arab world. Not all are affected by the same crises, but many are ministering amid economic pressure, uncertainty, displacement, social tension, pastoral weariness, and deep spiritual need.

In that light, the work of theological education feels less like an institutional project and more like a small participation in what God is already doing. We have the privilege of walking alongside men and women whom the Lord has called to serve his people. Many are not preparing for ministry in the abstract; they are already shepherding churches, discipling young believers, encouraging the discouraged, and bearing witness to Christ in difficult places.

What encourages me most is seeing how God uses Scripture, prayer, community, mentoring, and theological reflection to strengthen his servants. The classroom, the chapel, the mentoring conversation, and the ministry assignment all become places where God forms deeper faith, greater humility, and renewed courage.

So, while the needs around us remain great, our hope is not in our own strength or plans. Our confidence is that the Lord of the harvest is still raising up workers for his harvest field.



On a personal level, this has been a full and demanding season. I often feel the weight of leadership, transition, travel, and the many needs surrounding the seminary and the region. There are days when the complexity of the task feels heavy, and I am learning again that faithfulness depends not on personal capacity, but on daily dependence on God's grace.

At the same time, I am grateful for the Lord's kindness through ordinary gifts. Sophie and the children remain a deep source of joy, grounding, and encouragement. Family life reminds me that God often forms us not only through public ministry, but through patience, presence, prayer, and love at home. Please pray that I would lead with wisdom,

humility, and trust, and that our family would know the Lord's sustaining peace in this season.

One of the quiet signs of impact is the perseverance of students who continue to study while already carrying real ministry responsibilities. Some are serving churches in fragile communities. Others are discipling believers, caring for families, or encouraging people who are weary. Their growth is not measured only by completed assignments, but by the way God is shaping them through his Word for faithful service.

In many cases, theological learning is immediately connected to pastoral reality. Students are not simply asking, "What does this mean?" but "How do I help God's people remain faithful, hopeful, and rooted in Christ?"

I continue to be challenged by the quiet faithfulness of local leaders and students. Many serve without visibility, comfort, or certainty. They may not describe themselves as courageous, yet they keep praying, teaching, visiting, listening, and showing up for others.



Their example reminds me that Christian perseverance is often very ordinary. It is not always dramatic or public. Sometimes it looks like preparing a Bible study after a difficult week, encouraging a discouraged believer, or trusting God when circumstances remain unresolved.

Through them, I am learning to see more clearly that the Lord sustains his Church through faithful servants who depend on him day by day.

Please pray for God's sustaining grace for our students and graduates serving in difficult contexts across the Arab world. Pray for wisdom and humility as we walk alongside them, for strength and peace for my family in this demanding season, and for Christ to continue building his Church through faithful servants.

In Christ,

Wissam

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