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I dedicate this book to all the “plow-pushers.”  
To all the mothers and fathers, husbands and wives,  
teachers and students, leaders and followers,  
and to all those fully committed to preserving  
the “mantle” for the next generation.  
Let’s do one thing together;  
let’s go change the world!

# Introduction

**G**od's power, purpose and peace are available to you every day—but you must be ready to receive them. And that requires being deliberate about your focus.

Perhaps more than ever, our lives are filled with distractions, distractions and detachments consuming our time, energy and attention. From one day to another, we often struggle to focus on what matters most: our relationship with the living God. While we may not be able to control the challenges we face, we can determine how we respond to them.

We always have a choice, and our choice right now is clear: We can give in to our emotions amid overwhelming, tumultuous circumstances, or we can live by faith through the power of God's Spirit. Considering my own struggles and moments of doubt, I believe the only choice forward is by faith. I believe the only source of truth we can trust above and beyond any other is God's Word. So when I looked to it to light our path in this

present darkness, I turned to the example I see in two heroes of the faith: Elijah and Elisha.

I have always been inspired by the diligence, dedication and devotion displayed in their lives during one of Israel's darkest historical periods. They lived during one of the most corrupt, violent, immoral times ever, and yet they remained faithful to God and experienced His faithfulness, power and provision in the face of impossible odds.

The essence of their message to us today emerges vividly in their first meeting: "So Elijah went and found Elisha son of Shaphat plowing a field. There were twelve teams of oxen in the field, and Elisha was plowing with the twelfth team. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak across his shoulders and then walked away" (1 Kings 19:19 NLT).

Simply put, *your plow precedes your mantle*.

Elijah was led by God to find a successor, a younger protégé. The man God chose, Elisha, was not only a hard worker but was actually in the field plowing with a team of oxen when Elijah first laid eyes on him. And while Elijah did not literally push a plow, he endured droughts, famines, fire and floods before coming into the full power of God's mantle on his shoulders. Both men plowed through the trials, tempests and temptations of life before receiving God's prophetic mantle of divine power. Their examples not only speak to us today but also echo into our lives like thunder across the centuries.

Today, it's so easy to lose your spiritual momentum and get distracted from what's truly important. You want to strengthen

your faith and live in the power of the Holy Spirit, but so many emotions cripple your progress. This is why you need *Power for Your Day*—a spiritual second wind and a fresh burst of God's power infusing every area of your life!

*Power for Your Day* is based on my book *Persevere with Power*. Each day's burst of power includes:

**Your Daily Power Point**—a key principle or lesson of truth you can apply to your own life based on the examples of Elijah and Elisha.

**Your Daily Reading**—an exploration of the Power Point based on my examination of God's Word and my findings in *Persevere with Power*.

**Your Daily Scripture**—a thematically related and curated verse or brief passage from God's Word to energize you with the power of spiritual truth.

**Your Daily Prayer Starter**—a few sentences to lead you into God's presence as you share your heart in prayer with your heavenly Father.

Wherever you are and whatever you're facing, I know the examples of Elijah and Elisha will encourage, challenge and inspire you to move forward into the glorious future God has for you. Each of the 45 days builds on the others, and the goal is for you to grow deeper in your faith as you reflect on your life and live more fully in the abundant life of God's Spirit. My

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prayer is that you will find hope, joy, peace and power on every page for every day.

If you want to experience the power to persevere in your life, then it's time to move from your plow to your mantle and from your mantle to your double portion.

It's time to live as a co-heir with Christ instead of a distant relative ashamed to show up.

It's time to stop trying on your own and start relying on the Spirit.

It's time to seek God's power and exercise your mantle.

It's time to start living in the fullness of the power of God's Spirit dwelling in you.

It's time to claim what is rightfully yours and surrender what's no longer your concern.

It's time to persevere with power each and every day!

Samuel Rodriguez

# DAY 1



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Without a doubt, from Genesis to Revelation, the Bible is not a book of perfect people—it is a book of overcomers!

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**W**hile you may be tempted to view people in the Bible as perfect saints, they are just as flawed as you and me. God's Word, from beginning to end, is not a catalog of sinless, always-obedient, picture-perfect lives, but instead it shares the stories of flawed-but-faithful men and women persevering amid trials and tribulations. They faced overwhelming obstacles, seemingly impossible situations and dangerous dilemmas that forced them to put their trust in God.

Rather than a roll call of saints, the Bible is a book of overcomers. Just consider some of the best-known believers and what they had to overcome. In the Old Testament, Abraham had to overcome the deceit of others as well as his own tendency to deceive. God promised that he would be the father of many nations, and yet into old age, Abraham and his wife, Sarah, had never conceived—until God gave them their son, Isaac—forcing them to overcome their doubts and the limitations of biological logic.

Consider Joseph, Abraham's great-grandson, and all that he overcame: abandonment in the pit, betrayal by his brothers, the lies of his boss's wife and incarceration. Yet Joseph ended up as Pharaoh's right-hand man, overseeing the harvests, storage and allocation of grain—leadership that saved not only the Egyptians but also Joseph's own family and the nation of Israel.

Many generations later, when the Israelites became enslaved in Egypt, Moses overcame his past, his temper and Pharaoh himself to lead God's people through the Red Sea in pursuit of the Promised Land.

Story after story repeats this theme of overcoming—and the New Testament reinforces it as well. Peter overcame his impulsive nature and the cursing of his blessing. Mary Magdalene overcame her past mistakes and residual reputation. The apostle Paul overcame angry mobs, jail time, earthquakes, shipwrecks and snakebites. And Jesus, the Son of God and our wondrous Savior, overcame darkness, death and defeat—in other words, *everything!*

So follow the example of the overcomers before you and refuse to give up the fight. Don't allow your circumstances to determine the direction of your life. Your battle may not be over, and you may feel weary from the struggle, but God's power in you through the Holy Spirit will always prevail. When you have the Spirit in your life, you no longer depend on your own abilities and limited resources—because you have the unlimited, infinite and eternal power of the living God inside you!

Once you live in the Spirit, you are never the same.

**In Christ, by Christ, through Christ and  
for Christ, you are an overcomer!**

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For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 5:4–5



**Lord, thank You for bringing me this far and never giving up on me. Empower me today to do all that You want me to do. Help me to remember that I'm an overcomer because Your Spirit dwells in me. Amen.**