



Welcome to Unity's Interactive Worship Service

Today's Topic: Our Power To Be

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How many of you remember the slogan: "Be All You Can Be." The Army used it as a recruiting tool for over 21 years.

Now imagine that you have the power to live your life to the fullest potential without being shackled by doubt and fear. What if you were able to meet each day with courage and conviction despite your perceived insecurities? What would life look like if you pursued your dreams, desires, aspirations with the power to be all you can be?

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Well I'm here today to give you insight into how all of that is possible. It's very simple really, for it's all summed up in four little words:

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The power to be what? Anyone venture a guess? How about our power to be divinely human? As today's Daily Word reminded us that: We are "a product of divine life, and (we) connect with this special essence through prayer and meditation."

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Jesus taught: "And when I am lifted up I will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 "For the things I have done you will do also, and greater will you do." John 14:12

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We speak of ourselves as "only human" and we speak of understanding some person's frailties because he or she is "only human." We use being "human" as an excuse to fail a little here and there in our relationships and actions in life.

We forget who we are, that we are more than flesh, bone, and blood. "And God created them..." putting within them the capacity to be divinely human. "I say, you are gods; you are all children of the Most High." Psalm 82:6

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We are not stoning you for any good work," said the Jewish leaders, "but for blasphemy, because you, who are a man, declare yourself to be of God." Jesus replied, "Is it not written in your Law: 'I have said you are gods'?" And herein lies the problem!

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What problem you may ask? The problem that Jesus declared us God's beloved children, heir to the kingdom and all that is good, that we could do all the things he did and more. That it was and always will be God's good pleasure to take care of our needs. All we had to do was accept our divinity, to express God's essence in our life and affairs, to live our lives as divinely human. "Yes you will have trials and tribulations (human condition), but be of good cheer I have overcome these (divinely human) and you can too!"

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Humanity, for the most part, has allowed itself to accept a falsehood that it is "bad" and not deserving of any connection to the Divine (God). This idea is so rooted in the subconscious that the human ego tends to use it as a way to maintain control and keep us from being divinely human.

However, like Jesus, we can do what he did to break free from those whom would keep us thinking we are bad, sinful creatures, incapable of ever being divinely human.

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If we take a slightly different view of ourselves, and our relations with others, and our world, we find that we have within us the Christ spirit. We are not "only human" - we are children of God and therefore filled with potential - we are divinely human.

Taking this approach we can lift ourselves up to God instead of bringing ourselves down to the lowest human factor. We can see the divine quality in living our daily lives.

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With Divine love to share, we find understanding of ourselves and others. With Divine patience and peace to meet every day, we bring the ease and harmony into our home, our workplace, and our world. With Divine insight we see the infinite possibilities for good in ourselves and others.

If God, who is to save humankind, if we are to be saved at all, is the divine potential within humanity itself, what does that say about each of us?

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This is how I see it. When we were created, God placed in each of us all that we would ever need to exercise our power to be divinely human. Nowhere in human history did God ever yell out, "Whoa, guys. You've gone far enough; I'm coming down to earth to take over and establish peace among all of you!"

We have been given the power to express the kingdom of God, because it's within us! We have the power to be divinely human! "Christ in you, your hope of glory!" (Col 1:27)

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Think about it. No one is exempt from their personal responsibility or opportunity to express the divine essence they were born with. It's a choice one makes as they move through life. The human ego does its best to mislead and falsify the appearances so that we give up our power to the church, state, society, government or "savior." But as Jesus pointed out, it's up to us to take our power back and use it for good. Our power to be loving, forgiving, compassionate, and understanding. So, how will you use your power to be?

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Here are some insightful choices we can make to accept our power to be divinely human or just human. What I call the "Little Secret."

Ego's little "SECRET" Spirit's little "SECRET"

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| Sabotage | Spiritual |
| Events | Events |
| Circumstances | Cultivate |
| Raising | Renewed |
| Emotional | Emotional |
| Turmoil | Transformation |

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And since we have the power of choice, we have the power to choose whom we wish to "dance" with while expressing our power to be human or divinely human.

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| Ego: | Spirit: |
| Demands | Divine |
| Asserts | Activity |
| Never-ending | Nurtures |
| Conflicting | Christ |
| Experiences | Expression |