Dy-no-mite!

Swedish industrialist, engineer, and inventor, Alfred Nobel built bridges and buildings in Stockholm, Sweden. His construction work inspired him to research new methods of blasting rock. In 1860, the inventor first started experimenting with nitroglycerine. In 1863, Alfred Nobel invented the Nobel patent detonator, or blasting cap, for detonating nitroglycerin. The Nobel patent detonator used a strong shock rather than heat combustion to ignite the explosives. The Nobel Company built the first factory to manufacture nitroglycerin and dynamite. (www.inventors.about.com)

The Greek word “dunamis” is used over one hundred times in the New Testament and it refers to God’s strength, power, and ability. It’s the root word for our English words dynamite, dynamo, and dynamic. Now, what can we do with the power of God? We can do everything with the power of God! How often are tapping into it? We tend to ignore this power that is available due to fear, or even ignorance, when we should be calling upon the Lord for everything. Second Timothy 1:7, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” He alone is able to drastically change what we are struggling with or give us courage when we are fearful. The truth is that we can’t do anything on our own. We aren’t strong enough, but God is and is ready and waiting to be our strength. Paul said in Second Corinthians 13:4, “For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.”

Alfred Nobel, in his last will, left the majority of his wealth to the establishment of the Nobel Prize—an award for outstanding achievements in physics, chemistry, physiology, medicine, literature, and work in peace. It’s interesting that the man who invented dynamite is the one who established a worldwide peace prize. Isn’t that similar to our heavenly Father? He is the one who anoints us with His dynamite power, and yet when we welcome Him into our hearts, we are blessed with a peace that surpasses all understanding. Let’s surrender to His power today and be amazed by the peace He so graciously awards us.

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