



# POWER LUNCH

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*Year 2004* THERE IS A SOUND OF ABUNDANCE OF RAIN Isaiah 18:41

## When Life Doesn't Fit



*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praise of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I Peter 2:9*

We live in an era where almost everything in our lives can be transformed to meet our specifications. We custom build or remodel houses, we appoint our cars with specific options, we even have clothes made or altered to fit our ever changing shapes. We have even taken the desire of customization and attempted to apply it to people. Haven't you secretly wished you could create your own person, "If I could combine Jane's personality, with Jill's looks, and Jackie's income, then I would be happy." We spend an enormous amount of energy seeking to *(article continued on other side)*

**Rev. Matthew L. Watley**  
Power Lunch Founder

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## GOD REWARDS OUR FAITH By Florine Morrison

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:6*

I have attended Power Lunch since its inception on Sept 10, 2001. Initially, Power Lunch was held on Mondays, which is my day off. Before deciding to attend the worship services, I looked forward to having this time to do whatever I pleased. Although I drove to DC to go to work, driving to DC on Mondays was not something I had planned to do. The power of the Holy Spirit conquered my fleshly desires and I drove to DC and heard the man of God, Rev. Watley, preach the Word of God. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live." Rom 8:13.



Florine Morrison

Receiving God's word through this ministry has been a blessing to my life. It has been a season of tremendous growth for me. Growth in my faith, growth in my giving, growth in my evangelism, growth in studying the Word, growth in power - the power of the Spirit. I have power over the adversary to conquer my doubts and fears, to overcome challenges and to walk in faith to do whatever the Lord calls me to do.

I am blessed to have a good 'gouv'ment' job with security and benefits. Recently my supervisor was promoted and I was assigned to his projects. At first, I was a bit put out about having to do his work, which was at a higher grade level. I was stressing about it to the point that I was cranky to those around me. I was anxious about my ability to perform the tasks given to me, but having a refuge such as Power Lunch to seek, honor and praise the Lord, helps me each week. Through prayer, faith and my personal growth in God, I have been able to complete every assignment given to me and have not lost one night's sleep. He is truly an awesome God!

*Florine Morrison ministers as a member of the Power Lunch Leadership Team.*

## BREAKING THE CODE

Dan Brown's *The Davinci Code* has been on the top of the best seller's list for months now. This book has disturbed many believers and encouraged many cynics with its fictional re-telling of Christian history. Even if you have never read the book, you have certainly heard some of these myths. Come and join us for Power Lunch on Wednesday January 28, 2004 where Rev. Watley will be teaching a special lesson on "Breaking the Code."

For More Information on Power Lunch and other Exousia ministries, please visit us at [www.powerlunchonline.com](http://www.powerlunchonline.com).

# When Life Doesn't Fit

Rev. Matthew L. Watley

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conform our personal, professional and other relationships to our personal desires using every form of manipulation we can muster. Of course, the reality soon hits that we are unable to change people who are unwilling or uninterested in change, nor should changing others be our goal. We are so focused on the "custom-fit" that if we are unable to change our environment, then we will change ourselves to suit our surroundings. Over time we find ourselves conforming to the habits, language, and lifestyle of those around us, in our never-ending effort to lead tailored lives.

While the desire to fit in is with us from birth, we are called to adopt a new disposition once we are born again. Paul provides for us two popular passages of instruction on the folly of trying to make everything fit, or trying to fit in. Philippians 4:11 says, "Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have." Paul discovered how to reconcile himself to persons

and situations which may not be exactly what he may have desired. He is saying, "My need is not to have things my way, but my need is to be satisfied anyway." Imagine if you only allowed God the same freedom in your heart. Many of the areas of frustration, bitterness, and sadness would just wither away, because they would no longer be fed by a spirit of disappointment. Learning to be content means allowing people enough space to struggle to become the people that God has intended and not the people that we desire. Likewise, an adoption of a spirit of contentedness means being thankful for what we have, and not resentful for what we don't. Paul does not mean for us to become so content that we do not still have expectations of ourselves or others. Instead he insists that if those expectations are not met, we should not fall apart.

In Romans 12:2 Paul says, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and

perfect, will of God." Paul speaks to our second tendency to conform to our environment. It is only natural to want to fit in. Standing out means feeling ostracized or pressured. There is tension in being different. Yet, we are reminded that we are to remain peculiar. In fact it is this tension that leads to revelation. With a transformed mind, we can discern the will of God. By refusing to adapt to our environment, and adopting a spiritual mind, we are able to see the acceptable and perfect will of God in various aspects of living. Instead of becoming like our peers, we now see our differences as a testimony of the power of God. Instead of feeling pressured to conform, we feel grateful for the changed life God has called us to make. Instead of attempting to customize our lives to our desires or ourselves to life's demands, we do well to remember the great hymn of the church. *"Have thine own way Lord, Have thine own way. Thou art the potter, I am the clay, Mold me and make me after thine will. While I am waiting yielded and still."*

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - INTECESSORY PRAYER TEAM

One of the ministries that Power Lunch offers is the Prayer Ministry. These are brothers and sisters who are committed to lifting up Power Lunch, Rev. Watley and the needs of all who attend, before the throne of grace. After Power Lunch each week they stand in the front of the theater to offer intercessory prayer. However, throughout the week, there may be other needs for prayer that arise. For special prayer requests you may visit our website, [www.powerlunchonline.com](http://www.powerlunchonline.com) and use the prayer request feature. The prayer ministry will gladly receive your request and call your name and need before the mercy seat of our God.

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

### Fruit that Abounds to Your Account - Partnering with Power Lunch

Prayerfully seek the Lord about the commitment level He is leading you to pursue this year in your giving at Power Lunch to build His kingdom and take a step in faith during upcoming partnership opportunities.

### Stir Up the Gift - Volunteerism

It's a new year with great opportunities to find your place in the kingdom of God. Whatever your gift or availability there is a place at Power Lunch for you. Sign up at the Table or contact Emily Brown at [ebrown@powerlunchonline.com](mailto:ebrown@powerlunchonline.com).

### Contribution Statements

Power Lunch Contribution Statements will be available at the Product Table beginning January 28, 2004.

Power Lunch is held every Wednesday at Union Station-AMC Movie Theater 50 Massachusetts Ave, NE Wash, DC 20002 11:45am - 12:45pm