

# POWER LUNCH

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## Our God is Faithful



Rev. Matthew L. Watley

*What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not freely give us all things. Romans 8:31-32*

Here we are in the last month of this year, and every hour and second is a testimony to the faithfulness of God. For it is in Him that we live and move and find our being. Like you, I found this year to be full of unanticipated experiences of both sorrow and fulfillment. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? *Romans 8:31* I am grateful for how the Lord has expanded this ministry in every area. Spiritually, Power Lunch has taken on a new character and we thank God for the souls that have been added to the kingdom. I am grateful to all of those persons who give of their time, talent, and treasure to support this ministry. We take joy in knowing that our labor is not in vain when we labor for the Lord.

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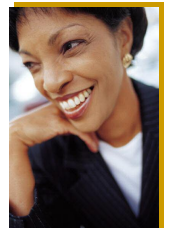
## POWER LUNCH SPONSORS DRESS FOR SUCCESS WASHINGTON, DC

### GOD TAKES PLEASURE IN OUR SUCCESS

*Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. Psalm 35:8*

In the spirit and season of giving, Power Lunch will sponsor Dress for Success Washington, DC. As a not-for-profit organization, Dress For Success aids women facing financial difficulty in making a tailored transition into the workforce. Each client receives one suit for job interviews and a second suit upon securing employment. Throughout the program, women are counseled in career development and in many cases equipped with a boost of confidence in their own skills and abilities. The Dress For Success Women's Group provides ongoing support to assist in building a prosperous career.

Power Lunch will provide a financial gift to Dress for Success Washington, DC to assist in their endeavor to rent store space in the southeast district. Power Lunch members, families, friends and partners are encouraged to prayerfully provide their best donation to greatly impact the lives of women across this entire region. **All financial gifts will be received on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at Power Lunch during a special offering.** Our support will ensure women in our area are given the opportunity to actualize the potential for greatness that lies in us all.



Women receive a suit and boost of confidence

*For more information on Dress for Success, visit them online at [dressforsuccess.org](http://dressforsuccess.org).*

## NO GREATER LOVE

*For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not die, but shall have everlasting life.*

The reason we celebrate Christmas is the love of God. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. Jesus loved us so much that He gave His very life. Whenever we say we love one another, we give that which represents the best of who we are.

This Christmas Eve, Power Lunch will have a special worship service to celebrate the love of God in the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. Bring your entire family for a powerful time in the Lord as we gather to show our love for Him in giving the best of who we are in worship, gifts and praise.

### A HEART TO SERVE

Power Lunch members are asked to seek the Lord's guidance in directing them to a ministry in which to serve before, during or after worship services. Whatever your gift or availability, there is a place for you. To volunteer, please sign up at the product table or contact Emily Brown at [ebrown@powerlunchonline.com](mailto:ebrown@powerlunchonline.com).

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

# The Lord Will Expand Our Territory

Rev. Matthew L. Watley

For the last 2 years, we have worked to establish Power Lunch as part of this community, providing not only biblical teaching, but Leadership Lessons, Spirituality and Leadership sessions, the Small Business Conference, and support of outreach ministries both locally and internationally. As we move towards 2004, I am asking you to join me in praying for this ministry as I believe God has finally released us to expand our borders.

Power Lunch at Union Station is just the first step. In the coming months we are planning to establish another location at another time to offer persons of other communities the opportunity to be impacted by the word of God. As I seek direction from God, please pray that God's will may be made clear and the way will be opened, for unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. *Psalms 127:1* We have already received numerous requests to bring Power Lunch to other areas, and we are now in the process of preparing to expand our territory.

Not only do I need your prayers for God's vision, but I need your obedience with God's provision. God does not demand what He does not supply. And I know that the considerable resources that we will need to begin another Power Lunch group have already been supplied to those who have already been participating in this ministry.

## Fruit Abounds To Your Account

Paul wrote to the church at Phillipi and "God shall satisfy all of your needs according to His riches in glory." We need to be reminded that this promise is given in connection to the offering which had been rendered unto the Lord. The promise in *Philippians 4:19* is preceded by the acknowledgement of the giving of the saints to support Paul and his ministry in vs. 17-18. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering,

a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. The Philippians were Paul's partners in ministry. Their giving was not limited to their local house churches, but they gave so that he might be able to go out and win others for the kingdom. And for their support they received the promise that all of their needs shall be met by the Lord.

In the coming weeks you will receive an opportunity to become a partner with this ministry. In the coming months you will hear more of the vision for our expansion. In the coming years you will know that you had a direct hand in expanding the kingdom of God. And if you never receive acclaim do not be concerned for the Father that sees in secret shall reward openly. *Matthew 6:4*

Even as we prepare to end this year. I want to challenge you to do these things. Sow into this rich soil that you may have a share in God's harvest and pray that God will send the laborers for the great harvest that He will bring.

## MONTHLY MEDITATION

Not that I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:17-19*

### Power Lunch Aid to Dress For Success Washington, DC – Wednesday, December 17, 2003

Prayerfully prepare your best financial gift to make a difference in the lives of women in the Washington, DC area making the transition into the workforce. A special offering will be received during Power Lunch for this effort.

### Power Lunch Christmas Eve Celebration – Wednesday, December 24, 2003

We are bringing our best to God in our adoration, offerings and praise. Bring your entire family and friends to celebrate His gift to us, His Son Jesus Christ!

### Power Lunch New Year's Eve Celebration – Wednesday, December 31, 2003

Every day is a gift from God and every year a celebration of His mercies. Come out for a powerful time in the Lord as we praise Him for all He's done this year in blessing us all and what we believe Him to do in the coming year.