

The Missing Character

Christmas Characters – Part 3

When I rely on my own power...

(Matthew 2:1-19)

...I'm **driven by my fears.**

(vs. 1-4)

...I become **controlling.**

(vs. 7-8)

...it always **ends badly.**

(vs. 16&19)

“For the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God’s power.”

1 Corinthians 4:20 (NLT)

How to access God’s Power

1) Admit my **need.**

“So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up...” 1 Peter 5:6 (NLT)

2) Stay **connected to God.**

“...Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5 (NLT)

3) Step out in **faith.**

“Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.”

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)

“(God) never grows weak or weary...He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.”

Isaiah 40:28-29 (NLT)