

# What He Puts Up With

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Luke 9:37-62.

B. Jesus was greatly concerned because of the deficiencies in the lives of believers.

## II. Jesus' disciples had a lack of power, which is a picture of our church today.

A. Our churches are primarily made up of spectators.

B. The disciples lost their power because of their unbelief.

C. The potential is there, but the activity is not always there.

D. Jesus' disciples were not praying while Jesus was gone. This is why we do not have power.

E. Jesus' disciples lacked self-denial.

## III. Jesus' disciples had a lack of love.

A. Three areas.

1. For each other. Pride gets in the way.

2. For outsiders. We are to build bridges--not walls.

3. For enemies.

B. Love always says "you first."

## IV. Jesus' disciples lacked discipline.

## V. We can have power, love and discipline through the Spirit. (2 Timothy 1:7, Acts 8)

### **Application questions:**

1. How can we obtain power as believers? Explain.

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2. How do churches tend to build walls instead of bridges today?

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3. How can we those in our groups to love one another better in a practical way? Explain.

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