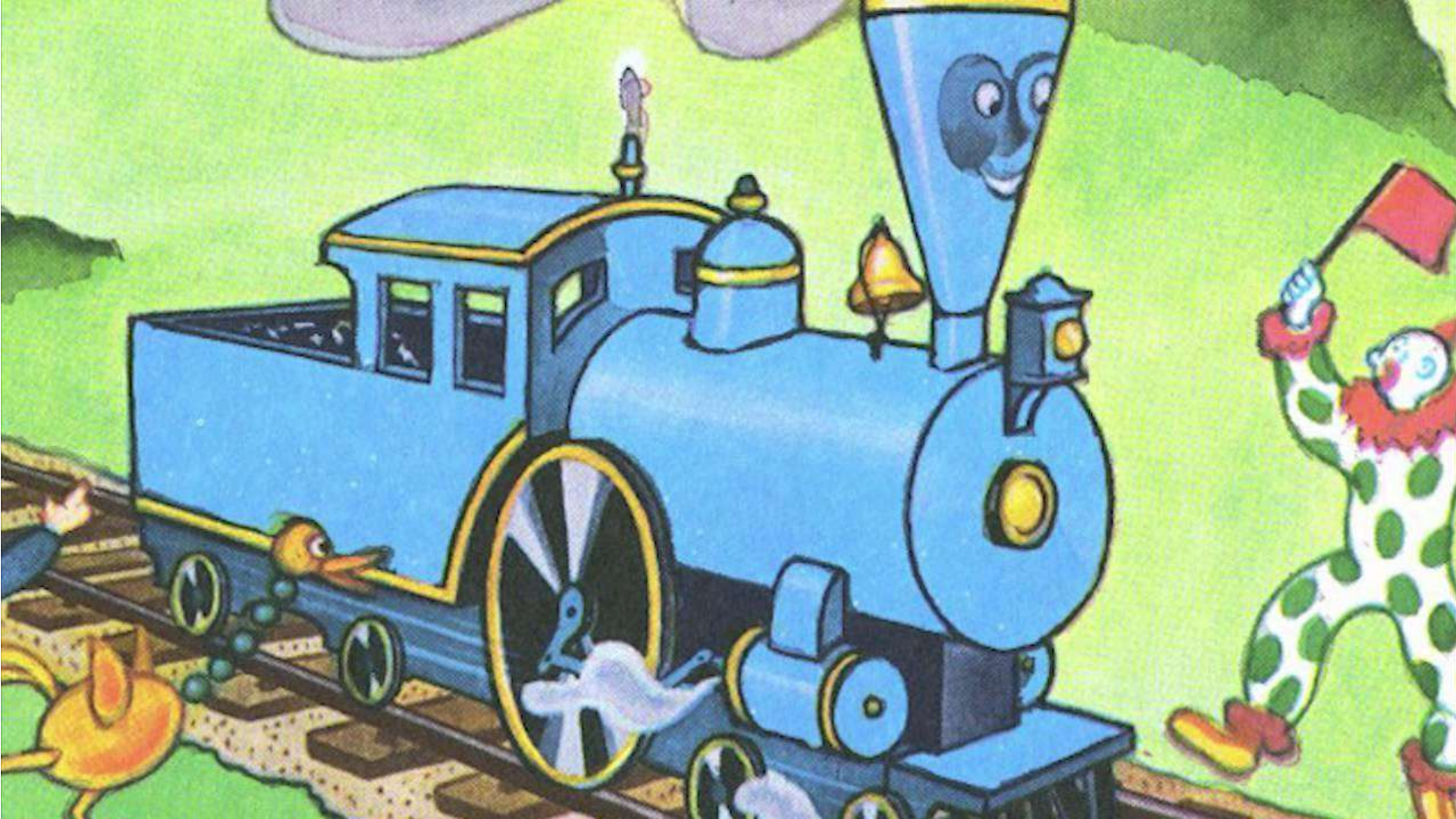




The Little Engine That TRUSTED



The Little Engine That Could



Acts 1:8 – God’s Plan for You

- **8 but you will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;**
- **and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”**



Two KEY Words

- Power – Dunamis
 - **power for any thing, even performing miracles**
- Witness – Martyr
 - Legal term – **called to tell the truth about what you have seen or heard**
- The Holy Spirit will give you the ability to tell what you have experienced - with *miraculous* results!!!!
- But you must be willing to tell your Story!!



What This Really Is, Is ...

¹⁶ but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL [a]MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; ¹⁸ EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT



Acts 2:32-33

³² This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

³³ Therefore having been exalted [[ag](#)] to the right hand of God, and **having received from the Father the [promise](#) of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.**



The Other Promise – John 14

- Philip *said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.”⁹ Jesus *said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and *yet* you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how *can* you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do; because I go to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.
- ¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and He will give you another ^[b]Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.*



The Whole Enchilada 2 Pet 1

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness,

through the true knowledge of Him who called us [d]by His own glory and

[e]excellence. ⁴ [f]For by these He has granted

to us His precious and magnificent promises,

so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.



What Does This Mean?

- We KNOW the Atonement secured salvation for all – whoever believes/receives his promise is now living in eternal life. We didn't earn it, we didn't deserve it, we didn't make it happen, we just accepted and surrendered to it as true, surrendered to Jesus as Lord and Savior – that is the trade off – whoever received HIM – not the idea of salvation – but the relationship with Jesus as Lord – enters into eternal life
- So, in exactly the same way, whoever receives HIM also enters into a life infused by the Power of the Holy Spirit – ALL the miraculous gifts and power of God are ours – the spirit and the gifts are ours!!! We don't do anything to earn it or control it, we just surrender to it and accept that it is true, and **act like it is true**

I think I can I think I can



Then she said, "I think I can. I think I can. I think I can." And she hitched herself to the little train. She tugged and pulled and pulled and tugged and slowly, slowly, slowly they started off.



Surrender to His Promise

- Divine Power in us is not the result of our super holiness, or ability to have supreme, unwavering confidence in OUR power to make stuff happen. No, it is simple trust and obedience in the Promise
- “Do you believe it is true – YES, WHY?, “because the Bible says it is true. Jesus PROMISED!
- Do you have to feel pumped up and super confident? No, you just accept it and expect it and obey it – If someone needs prayer for anything – lay hands on them and pray because that is what the Bible says
- Results come from God, it all comes from the Holy Spirit – it doesn’t come from you any more than salvation comes from you. You can’t mess this up!





Mark 9:22-24

- ²² It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!" ²³ And Jesus said to him, "'If You can?' All things are possible to him who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief."
- Not "I Think" but "I Trust"



Ephesians 3:20-21

- Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works within US,**²¹ to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations [n] forever and ever. Amen.



"God doesn't
call you to be
successful,
He calls you
to be
faithful."

- Blessed Mother Teresa



Our Mission, Our Message – You are

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY