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## Walking in Your **AUTHORITY**

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John 14:12 – “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, ***the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do;*** because I go unto my Father.”

One of Jesus’ main purposes on this earth was to show us what we can do...even though He was 100% God...He chose to live as 100% man, submitted to God.

Acts 10:38 – “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; ***for God was with him.***”

Philippians 2:6-8

**If He would** have done what He did as God...it would have still been impressive, but it would have relegated us to spectators only.

But He showed us the works that we can do...and greater!

Ephesians 4:13 – “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:”

So when we look through the Gospels...we see ALL of the things that Jesus did...

- \* Loved Others
- \* Accepted Others.
- \* Challenged Others
- \* Healed the sick – Acts 10:38 – Healing ALL that were oppressed...
- \* Destroying the works of the enemy (1 John 3:8).
- \* To seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10).

Matthew 7:29 – “For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.”

Luke 4:36 – “And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.”

Matthew 8:27 – “But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!”

**BELOVED:** Jesus walked with authority! He demonstrated authority over sickness, over weather, over demonic activity.

**GUESS WHAT THAT MEANS?** God expects the same from us!

Luke 9:1,2 (sending out the twelve)

- 1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, **and gave them power** and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.
- 2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

**NOTICE:** He told His disciples to HEAL THE SICK (same in Luke 10:9), not just to pray for the sick!

**YOU MAY SAY:** Well, we don't heal the sick...God does!

**ANSWER:** Why didn't Jesus say it that way!

**BILL JOHNSON:** "It's a bummer when God's theology is different than ours."

**TRUTH:** Yes, healing comes from God! Without doubt! Not arguing that! Yet, He has given US THE AUTHORITY to use it and do it!

Luke 10:17 – (the seventy-two) – “And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. ”

Philippians 2:9 – “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, **and given him a name which is above every name.**”

Luke 10:17-20

- 17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the **evils are subject unto us through thy name.**
- 18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.
- 19 Behold, I give unto you power to **tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy.** and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
- 20 Notwithstanding in this **rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you,** but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

**NOTICE 4 things:**

- a.) Devils are subject to US because of our authority..in his name!
- b.) satan isn't what he used to be!
- c.) We have authority over ALL the works of the enemy! All!
- d.) Don't act like your authority is something weird..it comes with being a child of God! It is our birthright!

Acts 10:34 – “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I **perceive that God is no respecter of persons.**”

Matthew 28:18-20

- 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15-18

- 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.  
 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.  
 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;  
 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

**BELOVED:** God has given us the authority to work IN HIS NAME!

- \* To cash out demons!
- \* Heal the sick!

**THINK ABOUT PRAYER:** Matthew 6, Jesus taught them to pray..no questions.

Hmmmmmm.

**BRING OUT** the term asking in the Bible.

**PERHAPS** discuss a little bit about the Lords prayer..no questions..to requests..only declarations.  
 James 4:2 – aiteo – a demand for something due (required).

**ILLUSTRATION:** When we were on vacation headed down to Florida..you have to go through Atlanta to get there! Not my favorite thing! This year, on that Saturday morning, I asked the Lord for a favor..make going through Atlanta quicker. No traffic!

Well, guess what, there was traffic in Atlanta..construction probably..but I found myself in the left lane and after being in the extremely slow traffic for a couple minutes I saw a sign, to the left, that said Express Lane to I-75south. I hemmed and hawed a bit..but I knew that was where we were going. Everyone was asleep in my car, but I finally asked my father-in-law (who was a trucker for most of his life) if that was for everyone..he said sure!

So, I was the first person in that period of time that I saw take that road..but it was WIDE OPEN... no one was using it (except a few). Jessica quickly googled it and found out it was for vehicles with six wheels or less to bypass a wreck or construction or simply traffic.

So, being the wonderful dad I am, I texted Allyson and told her get in the left lane and take the express lane. It will bypass the traffic. So, like any good daughter, she obeyed her dad and did it. The whole time thinking she may get arrested at any time for taking an illegal road.

I was thinking about this a day or two later..laughing at her description of hesitancy. And I began thinking of all the saps sitting there for another 30 minutes to an hour, because they didn't know about the express lane.

The Lord said, that is where most of my church is..they are stuck in life..stuck with things they don't want..things that I don't want..but they don't TAKE the authority that I have given them.

2 Corinthians 4:4 – “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

**THOUGHT:** None of us would argue that we are to represent Jesus wherever we go...but look at that word again. **RE-present Jesus!**

We are suppose to be present and show and do what Jesus did and who He is!

I absolutely understand that a lot of our human interaction and experience has shown us all this perceived power that the enemy has...and the limitations that we have.

**HOWEVER:** We have to go to the Word and study out the TRUTH. Not just a doctrine, or a thought pattern or an experience.

**God has GIVEN** to us the authority to speak TO sickness and speak TO weather, etc. Not to ask Him to do it!

**WE WILL SEE IT IN A FEW**...that is the greatest faith.

**REMEMBER:** Mark 11 – we speak TO THE MOUNTAIN not about the mountain!

*That is where most Christians mess up*...they spend their time talking about how back things are...how bad they feel...instead of taking their authority (that they have been given) over the current situation.

*Or they spend their time BEGGING God to do things for them:*

**ILLUSTRATION:** Brother Kenneth E. Hagin had a spiritual experience. He had a vision that Jesus was talking to him. A little monkey-like thing appeared and threw an ink-spot-type barrier between Jesus and Brother Hagin.

Brother Hagin waited for Jesus to do something about the hindrance, because he couldn't hear what Jesus was saying.

Finally Brother Hagin told the demon to go! It left, the barrier disappeared and he could hear Jesus again.

Jesus said, "I'm glad you did that. I could not do it. I have given you the authority. I've already done all that I'm going to do about the devil for the Church. The Church is the Body of Christ, and they are to cast him out."

**ILLUSTRATION:** If someone is asking me for a gift that I have already put in their hands...I am NOT giving it to them a second time.

**BELOVED:** God has already given us ALL AUTHORITY in heaven and earth.

For MOST Christians...they don't know this...therefore, the closed heavens are located between their ears. They don't know their authority.

#### Acts 3:1-8

- 1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.
- 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;
- 3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.
- 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.
- 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.
- 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; ***but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.***
- 7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
- 8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

**LET'S BE HONEST:** How much ASKING went on? None!  
They only did what had been GIVEN to them!

**BELOVED:** Christians are allowing a lot of things that shouldn't be happening!  
We are NOT standing in our authority.

**BELOVED:** Getting born again is the most important things that a person can do in their lives. The second most important thing is knowledge, understanding and revelation of the authority that God has given to us!

**ILLUSTRATION:** Our condo on vacation. I over heard Jessica's mom say, "I saw that shower head and thought it didn't work, until I saw the kids use it..then I knew it worked."  
The shower head area that let into our property from the beach had not been used, only the lower spout area had been used..she hadn't been using it because she didn't know about it..but as soon as she found out about it..she was able to use it and enjoy it!

## The Centurion

Matthew 8:5-10 (The Centurion)

- 5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,  
6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.  
7 And Jesus saith unto him, **I will come and heal him.**  
8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: **but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.**  
9 **For I am a man** under authority, **having soldiers under me:** and I say to this man, **Go, and he goeth;** and to another, **Come, and he cometh;** and to my servant, **Do this, and he doeth it.**  
10 **When Jesus heard it, he marvelled,** and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

**NOTICE:** *This man knew who he was! He knew where he stood!*

**Notice a couple things:**

- a.) Jesus marveled at what this man said. Why? Because he had been trying to teach it to His disciples for a while and they were not getting it, yet this Gentile had a firm grasp of it. Authority!
- b.) Why did the centurion tell guys what to do?  
\* He was under authority, so he knew authority.  
\* He knew who he was...therefore, he knew what he had the authority to do!

**BELOVED:** The main reason most Christians don't operate in authority is because they don't truly know who they are...therefore, they get timid about things!

**NOTICE** this...if he SAYS go...men go. If he SAYS come...men come. If he SAYS do this...men do that!

**NOTICE:** It is all about what He says! Authority in what He says!

**YOU MAY SAY:** Well, I don't really know about that!

James 4:7 – “Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**”

**BELOVED:** If we tell the enemy to GO..he must GO..no questions!

(1 Peter 5:9 – resist steadfast in the faith)

Matthew 16:19 – “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and **whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven:** and **whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**”

(Matthew 18:18)

**NOTICE:** When you tell something to stop..you have all of heavens forces behind you to stop it. When you tell something to come..you have all of heavens forces behind you to bring it. What you allow..heaven will allow!

**A LOOK TO WHERE WE ARE GOING:** You HAVE to know who you are and WHAT you have...THEN you must put your mouth to work! You cannot be flippant about the WORDS OF YOUR MOUTH and expect to walk in authority.

Joshua 1:2-5

2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto **the land which I do give to them**, even to the children of Israel.

3 **Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you**, as I said unto Moses.

4 (*He sets the parameters*) From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

5 **There shall not any man be able to stand before** thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

(then he goes into being hardheaded and obstinate...when people tell you that you can't do it... don't listen...keep doing it.)

**RECOGNIZE** that the Old Testament is a picture of the spiritual realm of the New Testament. So, cities and nations in the Old Testament represent spiritual issues in the New Testament.

**THEREFORE:** When it says in verse 5 that no man be able to stand against thee..it is saying no sickness, no weather pattern, no demonic things shall be able to stand against you.

(Yes, favor says men will work things in your favor)

## Jesus and the Fig Tree

Mark 11:12-14 (leaving Bethany where they were staying)

12 And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry:

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet.

14 And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it.

(he went into Jerusalem and had an eventful day...cleansed temple...then went home...nothing is said of the tree)

Mark 11:20-22

- 20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.  
 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.  
 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

**I want you to notice a few things:**

- a.) Jesus didn't worry himself about the fig tree after He spoke the words. He didn't do it again that night when they passed by. He wasn't looking at it the next morning when walked past it.  
 b.) If it wasn't for the disciples pointing it out to him...he would have passed by the tree.

**BELOVED:** That is authority! Speaking the Word and knowing it is done!

**UNDERSTANDING:** When things MUST obey you and have been put squarely under your feet.

**ESSENTIAL UNDERSTAND:** Many of you...many people...like to argue this point because of the fact...

- \* So you are saying that we can do whatever we want and order anything to do anything we want.
- \* Obviously, we know people who were strong Christians who it didn't work for, so I don't believe it.

I can answer both of those questions by just getting down to the Word and your words!

**LISTEN:** I guarantee you that everyone in this room is delighted that that every one of their words this week didn't come to fulfillment! Some of you more than others...simply because we speak a lot of words that are empty.

Lamentations 3:22 – "It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not."

It is the same reason that we don't put loaded guns in the hands of children...they just need to misuse it one time and it will be catastrophic!

**SECONDLY:** We don't get whatever we necessarily WANT...we get what the Word tells us we can have!

Both of those things come down to the Word and our words!

Ephesians 1:17-23

- 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;  
 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the **spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:**
- \* God wants us to know WHO GOD IS.
- 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know **what is the hope of his calling**, and what the **riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints**,
- \* God wants us to know WHO WE ARE.
  - \* God wants us to know WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN.
- 19 And what is the **exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power**,
- \* God wants us to know WHAT WE CAN DO.

- 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,  
 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:  
 \* Which was given to us by Christ...when He triumphed over death, hell and the grave.  
 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,  
 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.  
 \* He gave us all authority...to function EXACTLY like He functions!

**HOWEVER:** We can't do it if we don't know WHO GOD IS, WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN, and WHAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY AND AUTHORITY to do!

**YOU MAY SAY:** Well, how do we do that?

**BELOVED:** It comes down to the Word of God.

**BELOVED:** We have to take authority!

Psalm 37:25 – "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

**We are NOT suppose** to be begging for things!

**YOU'RE MAIN JOB** IS to know who YOU ARE and what YOU HAVE!

**BELOVED:** You are RIGHT before God! You are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21).

When you don't know your rights...your righteousness...you will beg instead of demand what is rightfully yours.

**NOTE:** Even dealing with prayers of petitions (which is talked about); we are not hoping for an outcome...we are petitioning for something that is rightfully ours!

Romans 4:20-24

- 20 He ***staggered not at the promise*** of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;  
 21 And being ***fully persuaded*** that, what he had promised, ***he was able also to perform.***

**NOTICE:** Abraham was convinced...he knew who God was...he knew who he was...fully persuaded.

- 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

**"Imputed"** – credited; to put into ones account; not in a future sense, but in a "it is done" sense! Not gonna be put in your account, it is in your account. If you say you have \$100 in your account...if you were to show me your balance it would say \$100.

**BELOVED:** It was put into his account because of his rightness!

- 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, ***that it was imputed to him;***  
 24 ***But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed,*** if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;



## Idle Words

**BELOVED:** Jesus KNEW Who He was..He knew what was HIS..He knew what HE could do!  
So, He didn't have to use wasted words or say thing that He didn't want to come to pass or expect to come to pass.

When He opened is mouth..He knew the next Words were GOING to come to pass!

- \* Lazarus, come forth!
- \* Fig tree die!
- \* Rise and walk!
- \* Peace be still!

**NOTICE:** He never said,

- \* That scared me to death
- \* Damn you
- \* He never wished ill will towards anyone
- \* I'm starving to death
- \* I'm sick and tired

We must know His Word so we can KNOW where our authority starts and where it stops.  
We have full access to what the Word says we can have!

Matthew 12:36,37

36 But I say unto you, *That every idle word* that men shall speak, they shall *give account thereof in the day of judgment.*

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

- \* Every idle word! Empty word! Word you didn't mean!
- \* **"Justified"** – position to partake of the promises.
- \* **"Condemned"** – to be guilty, to doom, to pay a fine
- \* **"Judgement"** – krisis – crisis (when the rubber hits the road)

**NOTE:** It cannot mean judgment in heaven..we will stand before the Bema seat judgment (reward seat).

**BELOVED:** When you are full of empty words..meaningless words..and all of the sudden you need something to happen NOW..you will give an account of all the empty words you have spoken!

When you need something to go..come..or work on your behalf, your words will NOT work the way you want them to work.

- \* Don't let yourself talk about what a failure you are.
- \* Don't let yourself declare that you are not good enough or that things don't work out good for you.
- \* Don't be a negative Nelly or a Debbie downer!

**BELOVED:** You will know how convinced you are by the Words of your mouth!

**THE CENTURION** was fully convinced of who he was and how it works!

**JESUS** was fully convinced of Who He was and how it works!

## How to Eliminate Idle Words?

By immersing yourself in the Word of God and making His Words your words!

**UNDERSTAND:** That doesn't mean that we have to change our vocabulary to King James words like thee, thou and verily, verily!

It means that we guard the words of our mouth...if we are making declarations, make sure they line up with the Word.

**UNDERSTAND:** We have been raised to believe that our words are for conversing and letting others know how we feel...but God gave us Words for creating!

Genesis 1 – God's Word created the heavens and the earth and everything that is in the earth!

Genesis 2:19 – “And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.”

**BELOVED:** When it came to the things of the earth...God gave dominion to Adam. So, God came to Adam and said, “What do you call it?” And waited for Adam to speak!

**UNDERSTAND:** That is the same way today...when situations arise in your life, God is coming to you and saying, “What do you call it? What do you say?” When you say negative, you are unlocking negative, when you speak the Word...you are unleashing all of Heaven to work on your behalf!

Isaiah 55:11 – “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

When we speak according to His Word...we have all the authority of heaven to make things come to pass.

Vs. 10 – “For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater.”

God's words are like RAIN...when they come forth, they will produce!  
(so when we have HIS WORDS in OUR MOUTHS...we will produce)

Vs. 12 – “For ye shall go **out with joy**, and be led **forth with peace**: the mountains and the hills shall break forth **before you into singing**, and all the trees of the field **shall clap their hands**.”

**NOTE:** It will produce in us JOY, PEACE and PRAISE!

Vs. 13 – “Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

**UNDERSTAND:** It is His Words...we must know His Words!

Job 22:28 – “Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.”

**(AMP)** – “You shall also decide and decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light [of God's favor] shall shine upon your ways.”

**BELOVED:** When we decree and declare a thing according to the Word of God, we are operating in our dominion and authority...

**THAT IS IT...**that is our authority at work.

We are activating our power to establish God's will in the earth.

## God Reigns

We know the Bible is clear that OUR GOD REIGNS! We sing it..we declare it!

Many times in Scripture He is identified as King of kings!

He is also identified in Scripture as MOST HIGH.

Revelation 1:6 – “And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

Revelation 5:10 – “And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”

Ephesians 2:6 – “And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:”

2 Timothy 2:12 – “If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:”

- 1.) Kings REIGN with their voice! They speak and things happen!  
They decree a thing and the whole kingdom backs them.
- 2.) At many times in history, there have been many kingdoms that have been ruled by ONE KING who was over many kings! Or the HIGH KING (Most High) reigned over all, but the (under) kings got to rule their own kingdoms.  
**YET**..if they wanted peace in their kingdoms..they HAD TO agree with what the HIGH KING declared.

**BELOVED:** God reigns..His Word is above all!

Psalms 138:2 – “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”

**BELOVED:** If we want peace in our personal kingdoms..we must yield to the decrees of our MOST HIGH!

## We Must Watch our Words

Proverbs 18:20,21

20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 21:23 – “Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.”

Proverbs 16:23,24

23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

James 3:2-12