

7. Speak To The Thing Causing The Problem

- Matthew 17:20, NIV – “... *I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.*”
- Mark 9:25, NIV — “... *Jesus ... rebuked the evil spirit. ‘You deaf and mute spirit’, he said, ‘I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.’*”

EXAMPLE: USING OUR AUTHORITY FOR SALVATION

- 2 Corinthians 4:4, NIV — “*The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God*”

EXAMPLE: USING OUR AUTHORITY FOR HEALING

- Acts 3:6-7, NIV — “(6) *Then Peter said, ‘Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk’* (7) *Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong.*”
- John 14:13-14, NIV — “(13) *And I will do whatever you ask [Greek = aiteo] in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. (14) You may ask [Greek = aiteo] for anything in my name, and I will do it.*”
- Ask = "ero tao" = "to pose a question or share a want or desire"
- Ask = "aiteo" = "to request or demand a right or privilege"

EXAMPLE: USING YOUR AUTHORITY FOR DIVINE PROTECTION

- Hebrews 1:14, NIV — “*Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?*”

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, YOU ARE STILL OVER SATAN

- Ephesians 1:22-23, NIV — “(22) *And God placed all things under his [Jesus’] feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, (23) which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*”

TWO FINAL CLARIFICATIONS:

- Matthew 18:15,18, NIV — (15) *If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ... (18) I tell you the truth, whatever you bind [stop] on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose [allow] on earth will be loosed in heaven.*”
- John 5:6-14, NIV — (6) *When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” ... (14) Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, “See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.”*

CONCLUSION / APPLICATION

- Luke 10:19, NIV — “(19) *I have given you authority ... to overcome all the power of the enemy.*”

FOUNDATIONS FOR NEXT-LEVEL LIVING

Part 3 – Know And Use Your Authority

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1. WE NEED REVELATION ... AND ENLIGHTENMENT!

- Ephesians 1:17-20, NIV — (17) *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. (18) I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, (19) and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, (20) which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms.*
- Ephesians 3:16,20, NIV — “(16) *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ... (20) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.*”
- How do we get God's power out of us? — We use our authority!
- Ephesians 6:10, NIV — “*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.*”

WE HAVE AUTHORITY!

- Luke 10:19-20, NIV — “(19) *I [Jesus] have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy.*”

1. We Must Understand That We Have Authority

- Matthew 28:18-19, NIV — (18) *Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (19) Therefore [you] go ...”*
- Hebrews 1:13, NIV – (13) ... *[God said] Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet*”.
- We’re waiting on God, but God is waiting on us!

2. We Must Understand What Is Of The Enemy

- Hosea 4:6a, NIV – “*My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. ...*”
- Matthew 1 0:1, NIV — “*He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.*”
- If Jesus gave His disciples authority to heal EVERY disease and sickness, then disease and sickness can't be of God!

3. We Must Understand That God Expects Us To Use Our Authority

- Mark 16:17-18, NIV — (17) *And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name*

they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; (18) they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

- Matthew 10:8, NIV – (8) [You] Heal the sick, [you] raise the dead, [you] cleanse those who have leprosy, [you] drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely [you] give.

4. We Must Understand That Authority Is Only Effective Is Used

- Ephesians 4:27, NIV — “... do not give the devil a foothold”
- Satan can't take a place in your life, but you can give him a place in your life, by not using your authority
- Matthew 12:29, NIV — “Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can rob his house.”
- Luke 11:21, NIV — “When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe.
- Ephesians 6:11, NIV — “Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.”

WHAT IS OUR AUTHORITY?

1. Our Authority Is Power To Overcome

- "Authority" (Greek) = "Exousia" = "authority, power to act, dominion"
- Luke 10:19-20, NIV — “(19) I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; ...”

2. Our Authority Is Backed By God's Power

- Ephesians 3:20, NIV — “(20) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

3. Our Authority Is God's Delegated Power

- Luke 10:19-20, NIV — “(19) I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; ...”
- Ephesians 6:10, NIV — “Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.”

4. Our Authority Is To Be Used To Resist And Overcome The Power Of Satan

- 1 Peter 5:8-9, NIV — “(8) Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. (9) Resist him, standing firm in the faith...”
- 1 John 4:4, NIV — “You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”

HOW TO OPERATE IN AUTHORITY

1. Submit To God

- James 4:7, NIV — “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”
- To operate in delegated authority, you must be UNDER authority, and submit to the one who gave you that authority

2. Walk Rightly

- 2 Corinthians 6:7, NIV — “... in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left”
- 2 Corinthians 10:6, NIV — “And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.”
- You must be living in obedience, to overcome the disobedience of Satan

3. Use God's Word

- Matthew 4:3-4, NIV — (3) The tempter came to him [Jesus] and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” (4) Jesus answered, “It is written: ...”

4. Mix Faith With Your Authority

- 1 Peter 5:8-9, NASB — “(8) ... Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (9) But resist him, firm in your faith ...”
- You have authority, whether you feel like you've got it or not
- Authority has nothing to do with feelings.
- Feed your faith – www.kcm.org and sign up for econnection

5. Deal Decisively With Unbelief

- Luke 8:49-51,54-55, NIV — (49) While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. “Your daughter is dead” he said “Don't bother the teacher any more.” (50) Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.” (51) When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. ... (54) But he took her by the hand and said “My child, get up!” (55) Her spirit returned and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat.
- Only those who were believing for healing were allowed into the room.

6. Command!!!

- Acts 16:18, NIV — “... Paul ... said to the spirit, ‘In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!’ At that moment the spirit left her.”
- Luke 4:36, NIV — “All the people were amazed and said to each other, ‘What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!’”