

AUTHORITY: It's What You Have. Are You Walking In It?

Definition/Greek word= 'exousia': conferred power to act, delegated empowerment, weight, authorization, operating in a designated jurisdiction, the authority that God gives to His saints, authority then to act to the extent they are guided by faith (His revealed Word), the power of one whose will & commands must be obeyed by others

Matthew 9:6,8 "...so that you may know that the Son of Man has **authority** on earth to forgive sins...and they praised God who had given such authority to men."

Matthew 10:1 "He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them **authority** to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness."

Luke 9:1 "When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and **authority** to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he told them to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick."

Matthew 28:18 -20 " Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All **authority** in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

Luke 10:19-20 "I have given you **authority** to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

What does it take to WALK IN (exercise) the AUTHORITY you have been given?

1. Listen for *your* assignment - it will be *His* **WILL** (revealed Word) (John 2:5)
2. **F**aith (Romans 10:17)
3. **A**ction (obedience) (James 2:17)
4. **P**erseverance (James 1:3)

**Military radio analogy: SINGARS means SINGle Channel Ground & Air Radio System - Combat Net Radio; multiple very high frequency channels.

"Bootcamp Radio" = **WFAP** (FM 10:19) (**W**ill, **F**aith, **A**ction, **P**erseverance)

***Heidi Baker's testimony of blind eyes opening— all 4 (WFAP) were required in that order. Not three but four. How many times do we "stop short"? How many times do we "go" without hearing *His* assignment? How many times does fear or unbelief cancel out faith? "As you go...."

Personal comment: It is time we understand that He is not giving us authority, but He has already given us authority. It is done. It is finished. God is raising up a new breed of Kingdom children who will choose to separate themselves from this world and radically walk out this authority in faith with perseverance. They will stay tuned into WFAP and receive individual as well as corporate assignments. They will not consider their own lives. They will be conduits of power not unlike what is recorded in the Book of Acts. "And these signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 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." (Mark 16:17-18) AAS 2/2018

Random thoughts/pearls after praying for us:

- You have a jurisdiction/territory. When we attempt to operate outside of what has been assigned to us it will result in much frustration/discouragement, etc. This *is* the enemy's plan. He can't get most of us to quit so he simply attempts to get us "off assignment". He dangles bait that looks and sounds good and often speaks to our pride. The GOOD can be the enemy. We must listen for ONE VOICE and promptly obey it. Follow Jesus. Avoid at all costs following any man. Huge trap (John 10:4).
- There is great peace in simply laying some things (some people) down. They were never meant for you to carry (Psalm 55:22).
- Many of you have asked for spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12) to exercise for the common good of the Body. This is a wonderful request when our motive is pure - to help the Body and bring all glory to the Giver. Let Him grow us His way and in His timing desiring ALL that He has for us in His Word. There is a great price for carrying and exercising spiritual gifts. A surrendered life with the character and strength to rightly use the power gifts is essential. A 5th grader should not operate a power saw. We must trust Him in gifting us and be thankful for where we are and where we are going. Many of us (self included) are not currently exercising the authority of the wonderful gift of the written Word which has already been given to us, to the extent that He desires. Many have repeatedly asked for the revelatory gifts (prophecy, knowledge, wisdom) but are not exercising the authority of "IT IS WRITTEN". There is a powerful principle here. Are we faithful exercising the authority of the spiritual weapons (Word, Prayer, Praise) which are always in us? Our model is ALWAYS JESUS. When the Spirit led Him into the desert in Matthew 4 to be tempted by the enemy how did He fight back? "IT IS WRITTEN...." Jesus said 3 times (perseverance). Let us remember that the enemy knows the Word better than we do, and he can also counterfeit spiritual gifts, power, etc. You must be discerning. What is the fruit? Are you at peace? How are bank tellers trained (real vs counterfeit)? You will never recognize a lie/counterfeit unless you know the truth/real. SEEK THE GIVER NOT THE GIFTS. Stay on your face and in His infallible Word.
- Our flesh wants the flashy, the exciting, & the fast! Crucify those desires. "Not my will but yours Lord.... My life isn't my own, it was bought with a price." Remember your flesh cannot be cast out, medicated out, counseled out - it must be crucified! (Galatians 2:20)....."a pleasing aroma to the Lord..."
- God is looking for your OBEDIENCE out of a heart of LOVE not results (John 14:27) Stop striving.
- Exercising authority works with divine order. "Success in ministry will never make up for failure at home." Your immediate family is your #1 ministry. Everything has a season. Be patient.
- WORD/SPIRIT/POWER!!! The Word without the Spirit...you will dry up. The Spirit without the Word...you will blow up. The Word and the Spirit...you will GROW UP!!!!
- There is a principle of persevering in trusting God despite many setbacks. He is building your faith muscles. Consider it pure JOY! (Jesus on You)
- TIMING, TIMING, TIMING....God's timing not yours. Be patient.
- AUTHORITY comes from The Author of The Word. A "word" will never contradict what is in The Word. Do not go seeking "words". Seek The Word - John 1:1 "...& The Word was God."