

How Jesus Walked in Indisputable Authority

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Matthew 8:5-13 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." 7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel... 13 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

2024 is the Year of the Open Door:

We are learning how to use authority to take advantage of open doors in this season for increase.

We are entering a time when we must walk boldly in our God-given Authority and Power.

The enemy has launched an attack trying to adversely affect our minds and bodies to keep us from walking in the promises of God.

To combat this God has granted us the opportunity to operate our authority legally under the Headship of Jesus Christ, where all the forces and resources of Heaven are at our disposal.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

The heavenly resources we have privity to not only contain His Authority, but also the "Power of His Might," which gives us the ability to shut down all unauthorized activity.

Spiritually speaking, "serpents and scorpions" are a type and shadow of demonic forces.

The authority of Jesus Christ and the Power of His Might trumps all other authority and power.

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. After his resurrection, Jesus gained authority over the Heavens, (the unseen realm), and on the earth, (the seen realm)!

When we walk by faith in this authority, there is no seen or unseen force that can stop us from doing the will of God.

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Indisputable Authority is the authority that cannot be questioned at all; it is a fact of truth. CASE CLOSED!!! Indisputable authority cannot be challenged or denied.

When we speak the Word of God by faith in Indisputable Authority, it is just as if Jesus had spoken it.

The Enemy's main weapons to dispute our authority and power, especially to us.

- 1. Ignorance- not knowing you have Indisputable Authority and Power or how to use it.
- 2. Shame- knowing you have Indisputable Authority and Power but being ashamed to use it because of what others might say if you do.
- 3. Condemnation-Thinking that Indisputable Authority and Power won't work for you because of what you've done in the past or who you are.
- 4. Fear- not having enough faith to walk confidently in the Indisputable Authority and Power Jesus promised us.

This Indisputable Authority gives us the ability to function like Jesus here on the earth. 1 John 4:17...because as he is, so are we in this world.

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Image: (1504)(eikon) properly refers to a "mirror-like representation. Eikon can also refer to a visible manifestation of an invisible and heavenly reality.

Jesus said that He mirrored the Father here on the earth. John 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do;

Just as Jesus mirrored the Father, we are to image Jesus.

Matthew 16:19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; the keys are the revelation that flows from the kingdom of God to His chosen ones through the Bible (the written Word).

Matthew 16:15-16 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Peter knew from the written Word that Christ, "the Messiah", would come. Because Peter was knowledgeable about the written Word, God could give Peter revelation from the written Word.

Most people don't get revelation from God because they haven't learned of God from the written Word.

Matthew 11:29 Take My yoke upon you (His mission) and learn from Me (the principles of His word and who He is), for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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Indisputable Authority grants us the ability to use the keys to God's kingdom to establish His kingdom here on the earth.

Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

When we walk in Indisputable Authority according to the Word of God, God backs it up because Jesus said "John 15:7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

The word abide here means being alive and active.

The system is already in place and waiting for us to respond with authority and/or power.

Rather, we exercise this authority through acquisition or confession; God will back us up.

We have Indisputable authority to dispel all natural and supernatural powers hostile to God's Kingdom.

We have Indisputable authority to call forth blessings (the necessities and desires) that God says we have a right to.

Let's see Jesus's teaching on how to use our authority and faith.

Matthew 8:5-13 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." A problem was conveyed to Jesus, and Jesus knew that He was sent to be an answer to problems.

He was ready to use the forces and resources He had privy to.

7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." Once God sees the faith, He doesn't hesitate.

Jesus knew the kingdom principle written in Matthew 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Luke 6:38...For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Even though we receive it freely, Jesus said if we use it to bless others, He will reward us for it.

8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof.

This was an unsaved heathen gentile who had no rights to the promises of God, and yet and still Jesus answered his request.

Now, if Jesus would answer the request of this unsaved heathen gentile, who had no right to God's promises, how much more should we have the confidence that if we ask anything according to His will, He will answer us favorably as well?

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We Have every right because we are children of the promise. Galatians 4:28 And you, dear brothers and sisters, are children of the promise, just like Isaac.

But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it.''

This man had a revelation of Kingdom Authority and Power granted to those who are Sons of God.