



How Jesus Walked in Indisputable Authority - Pt. 2

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Mark 11:12-14 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. **13** And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. **14** In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it...**20** Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. **21** And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." **22** So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. **23** For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. **24** Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

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.

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

The Bible is our reference guide for using our Indisputable Authority and Power.

When we use the Bible as our guide for establishing Indisputable Authority, the devil can't challenge it before God, and Jesus Christ will not deny your request.

When we walk in Indisputable Authority based on the Word of God, we will always receive God's support.

The answer to every challenge and opportunity is already available in heaven, waiting for us to respond with authority or power.

Our Indisputable Authority comes from Jesus; we pray in faith because of what He did, not because of who we are or what we have done.

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.

Jesus knew that He was sent to answer problems. He was ready to use the forces and resources He had access to accomplish this.

As believers in Jesus, we have access to the same supernatural power and resources He had during His time on earth. The Holy Spirit, who was with Jesus and enabled Him to perform miracles, is also within us today.



Once God hears a request and sees faith, He doesn't hesitate to respond.

Daniel 10:12-13 Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself (fast) before your God, your words were heard (in the counsel of Heaven); and I (a ministering angel) have come because of your words. "you set your heart"- Daniel had become single-minded, determined that his answer would come from God.

James describes a heart set to receive from God. **James 1:6-8 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.**

Double-minded people are unlikely to receive much from God, as their intentions are unpredictable.

Daniel was so set on Hearing from God he was willing to fast to receive.

Because Daniel had set his heart to hear from God, an angel was dispatched to bring the answer Daniel had prayed for.

Back to Matthew chapter 8. 8...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 centurion was an unsaved heathen gentile who had no rights to God's promises, yet Jesus answered his request because of His faith.

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?

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

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

Because of our Kingdom Authority and Power, all we have to do is speak and believe, and it shall be done.

This soldier understood that Kingdom's work. He knew the kingdom from which Jesus came would back up His words because of his relationship with His father.

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.

This man's faith in Jesus came in part because he had received revelation of the Kingdom of God and that Jesus was a Son of a Higher Kingdom.

This man's faith was put on display because of his words of trust, he had in Jesus.



... **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.**

This man believed in Jesus and that the principles of the Kingdom would work for him, and they did.

Let's look at how Jesus tells us to use our Indisputable Authority and Faith.

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This tree is false advertising because it has leaves but no figs. Ordinarily, this is not the case with fig trees, which generally do not have leaves without also having figs.

There are a lot of people who are perpetrating a fraud. That is why the bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh.

"For it was not the season for figs." The problem is that the fig tree had leaves but no figs. The leaves said, "There are figs here," but the figs weren't there. The fig tree's message was deceitful!

This tree had gotten out of God's original design of producing after its kind and had taken on the character of Satan, being deceitful.

"Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." This tree, like all God's creation, must respond to faith-filled words.

God expects all of His creation to stay in character and to produce the fruit they were originally created to produce.

Humanity is created to produce the image of God. One of the reasons Jesus came to earth is to teach humanity how and what to produce.

The First thing, is to take on the character of God, so we can do the work and produce the fruit of God.

1 Peter 2:21 (NLT) For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.