THE GOD WHO CAN

We have received power and authority from the God of all Power and Authority; therefore, it is our duty to diligently implement the instructions we have received.

KEY POINTS

- We serve a God who has the divine ability to do all things. He is above all and the consistency of God's power and authority makes Him a force that cannot be compared with anything or anyone else.
- In Matthew 28, when Jesus entered the country of the Gergesenes, there was an immediate shift in the atmosphere. Two exceedingly fierce, demon possessed men who controlled part of the city immediately recognized Him and became fearful because they knew who Jesus was.
- James 2 says that demons tremble at the name of Jesus. When we become fearful over what the enemy is doing to us, we are downplaying the nature, the name, and the very presence of the God we serve. We are downplaying His power and authority in our situation.
- The Bible says God has not given us the Spirit of fear (2 Timothy 1:7). So if He did not give it to us, where is it coming from?
- The enemy will try everything in his power to distract us, to hinder us from experiencing our God-given potential. He will do anything to confuse our minds and cripple our actions. He will try everything in his power to keep us from seeking after God—from serving God—and to drag us to hell with him.
- But there is One who has the greatest power, One who has the greatest authority: Jesus Christ our Lord.
- There is nothing that you and I will experience or go through in life that the authority and power of God cannot handle. There is no emotional turmoil that God does not understand or have the power to heal or to fix.
- God can! God will! He will empower you, strengthen you, direct you, provide for you and elevate you. He will carry you when you are weak and wounded. We serve the God of all Authority and Power.
- Every family member within a home has some level of authority. We are children of the King. But can the King trust you with His authority?
- Authority is a bi-product of relationship. The deeper the relationship, the greater will be your authority. The deeper your relationship with God, the more He will trust you and entrust to you, and the more authority He can place on you.

KEY SCRIPTURES:
Matthew 8:28-34

- It is our union with Christ that gives us authority.
- Eli's sons in 2 Samuel 2 did not value the priesthood and the authority they had. They died and their descendants were disqualified from serving as priests.
- God rejected Saul and removed his kingly authority because he was disobedient.
- Satan himself was cast out of heaven because of his misuse of authority. He wanted more authority than he deserved.
- To have authority you must be under authority, and this authority is given to us by God through Jesus Christ.
- Our bodies are vessels that carry the power of God, and it is the same power which raised Jesus from the dead that resides in us.
- Why have the keys in our pocket, but be too afraid to open the door? We are quite comfortable in believing that God did not choose to act in a particular situation when, in reality, it is because we fail to believe in the authority—in the power—we have.
- It is time to wake up. Jesus has delegated to us power and authority. It is time we implement it in our lives and in our world.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. In what ways are you called to exercise authority in everyday life, whether at home, school, work, etc.?
2. What are the types of authority God has given to us and how should we use it?
3. "Authority is a bi-product of relationship." What are the things we can do to develop/maintain/deepen our relationship to God? What are some scriptural references that support your answer?

Prayer Time

Lord, it is by Your authority that I have authority. Help me to exercise Your power in my life and in this world. In Jesus' Name.

L.G. ice-Breaker: How many keys do you have to carry around with you every day? How many of those keys indicate some type of authority?

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NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

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