

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. ²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.

Ephesians 1:19-21

Discussion/Journal Questions

Share a joyful moment that you experienced recently.

Have two or three people read Ephesians 1:19-21 out loud slowly. After some time of reflection, ask each other what words, phrases, or ideas stand out to everyone. What questions come to mind as you meditate on this scripture?

Read 1 Peter 3:22. According to Peter and Paul in Ephesians, what is Jesus's relationship to other spiritual beings (angels and demons)?

Jesus is seated above angels and demons. According to Ephesians 2:6, where are believers seated?

In the sermon, Pastor John calls us AAA Christians. We are accepted by God. We have access to God. We have authority from God. All of this is through Jesus. How does knowing our identity as AAA Christians help us in times of spiritual warfare?

Read James 4:7-8. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your belief in the Christian's authority in Christ regarding spiritual warfare?

Last week, John introduced us to the acronym SOUL-L. This refers to five areas in which we can give permission to demons to influence our lives: Sin, Occult, Unforgiveness, Lies, Lineage. Why is it important that we confess these areas to God?

Once we have given demons permission to influence us, we must use our authority to cancel that permission and command the evil spirits to leave. What do you think happens if we just confess and apologize without canceling and commanding?

The fourth step is the most important. After we confess, cancel, and command, we commit to the Holy Spirit. What is the danger if we ignore this step?

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