

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Aware or not, we are in the midst of a raging, spiritual war. We want you to be armed for success and equipped to take ground. The struggle is real, but the progress is promised. You are known in Heaven and feared in Hell. Let's change the world!

**The Devil's greatest fear is that you might discover who are you in Christ
and begin living like it's true!**

Principles of Spiritual Warfare:

- You are seated with Christ in the heavenly places above all the powers of darkness.
- Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, even though it looks like that in the natural.
- You have been given authority.
- You are an ambassador of the Kingdom of God. **2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)**
- Submit yourself to God **James 4:7-8 (NIV)**

Spiritual Climate: The prevailing spiritual conditions over a certain area

How to Change the Spiritual Climate:

- 1) Trust in Jesus' Authority **Matthew 28:18 (ESV)**
- 2) Walk in Your Authority **Ephesians 2:6-10 (NIV)**

Two Keys to Walking in Your Authority: Integrity / Sow the opposite spirit

- 3) Pray with Authority **1 Timothy 2: 1-4; 8-10 (NIV)**

**Jurisdictional Authority = the authority I have over my spheres of responsibility. This is
"my" authority exercised in areas of my jurisdiction.**

Ambassadorial Authority = authority that accompanies one who speaks on behalf of another.

Joshua 1:3 (NIV) Psalm 24:1 (NIV) 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Do you ever sense or feel spiritual warfare going on in your life? What do you typically do to combat it? Explain.
- 3) What areas (or specific locations) in your life do you recognize that the *Spiritual Climate* is dark? What areas do you sense that it is righteous? Explain.
- 4) What's a step you can take this week to *Change the Spiritual Climate* at home/work?
- 5) Read 2 Corinthians 4:3-6. Who are you praying for that *scales would be removed from their eyes*? Who do you think (or know) prayed this for you in the past?