



We share both positive and negative experiences with people in authority.



Chaplain Barry Black

“Pray that I keep my moral authority as I minister to our U.S. Senators, their families, and staff.”



MORAL AUTHORITY

**Loving Jesus.
Overcoming Evil.
Influencing Others.**



1 Peter 1:1, 5:1-3



Who is Peter?

A follower of Jesus.

An Apostle.

**A man with great accomplishments and
painful failure.**

A leader in the birth of the church.

A martyr for King Jesus.



1 Peter 1:1-9, 2:21

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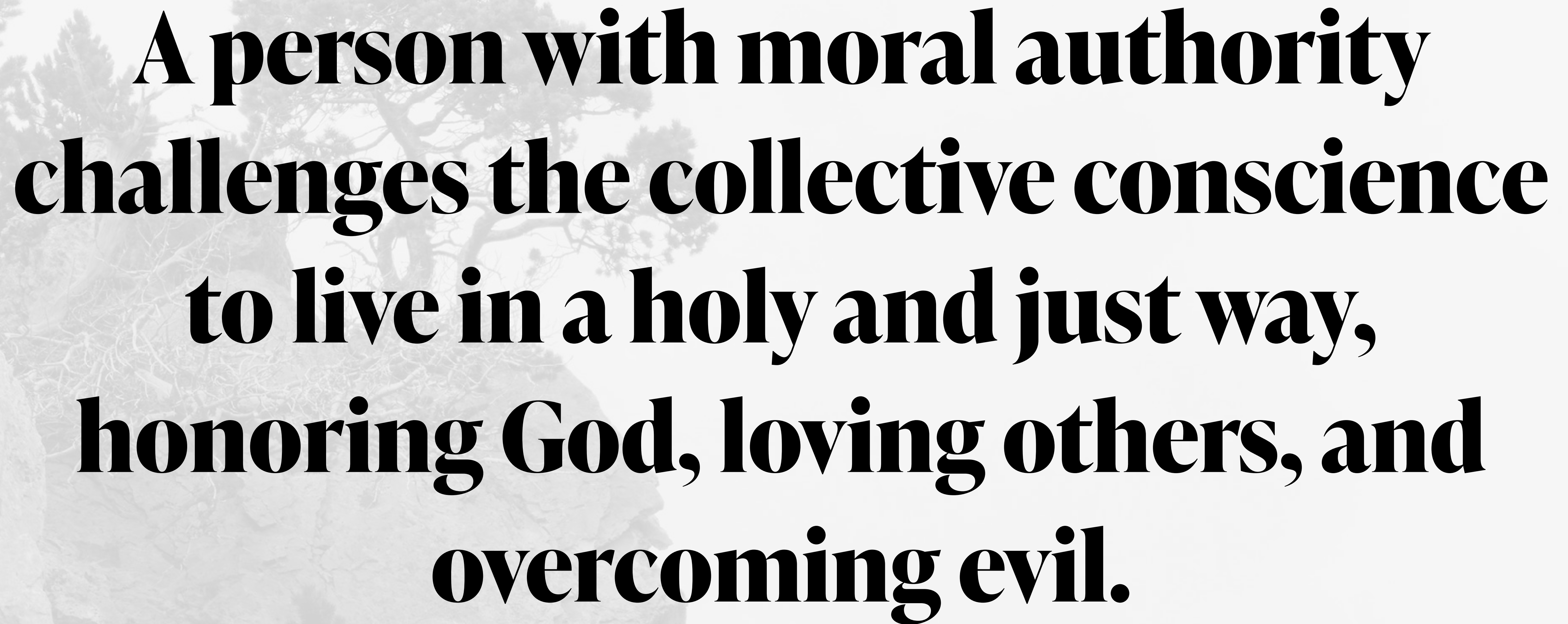
**We are given moral authority when
we live our beliefs despite suffering,
earning the trust of others.**

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Moral authority is the consistent sowing and growing of integrity through hopeful perseverance.

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**A person with moral authority
challenges the collective conscience
to live in a holy and just way,
honoring God, loving others, and
overcoming evil.**

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Attaining moral authority is not our focus; it's our fruit. It's the result of faithfully living for Jesus in the long haul.

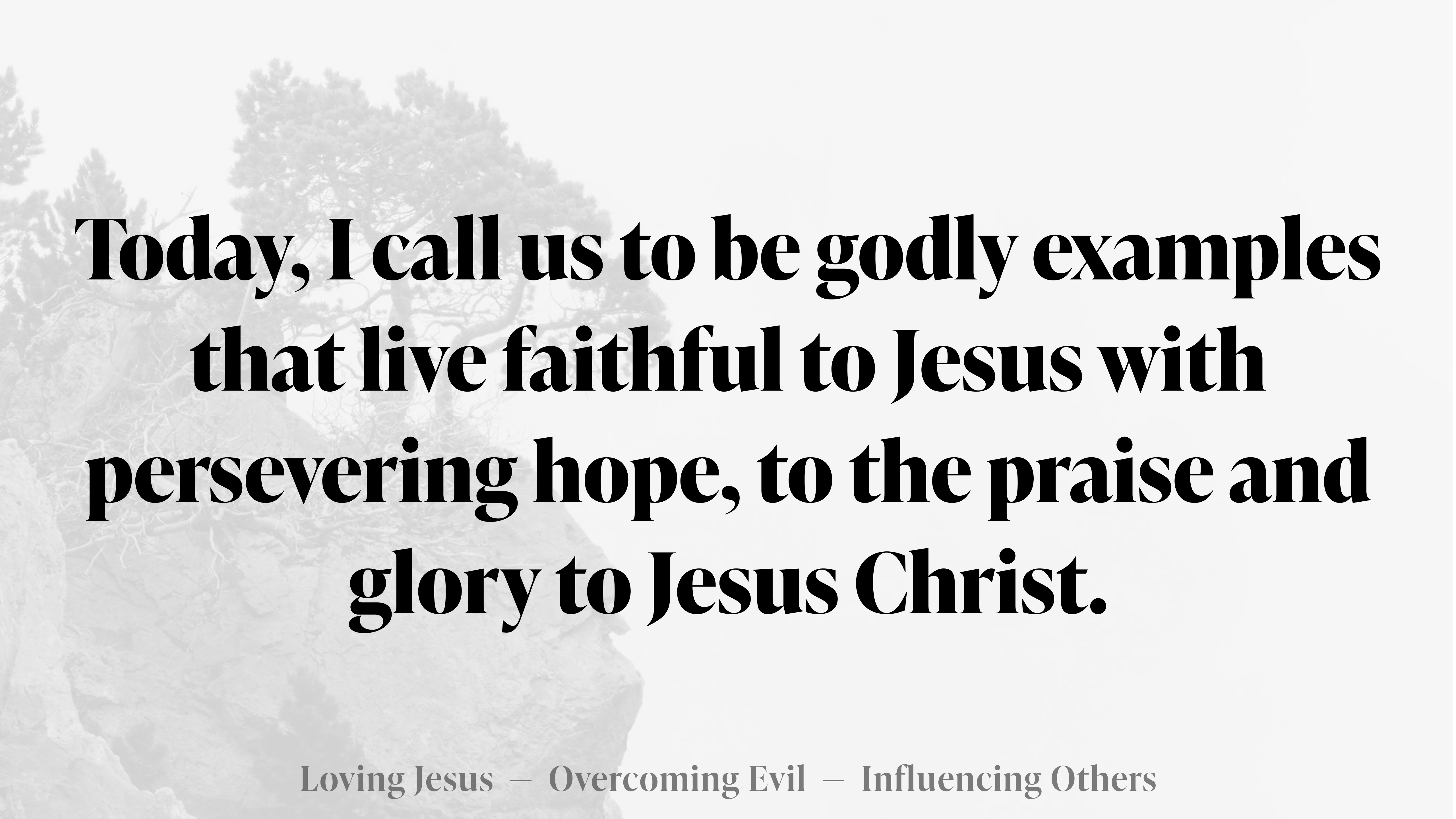
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The Foundation For Moral

Authority:

- 1. According to the foreknowledge of God**
- 2. By the sanctification of the Holy Spirit**
- 3. To the obedience of Jesus Christ sprinkled
by His blood**

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**Today, I call us to be godly examples
that live faithful to Jesus with
persevering hope, to the praise and
glory to Jesus Christ.**

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How Can I Apply this Message?

- 1. Slowly and thoughtfully read 1 Peter**
- 2. When difficult times arise, choose more quickly
tell Jesus what you love about Him.**
- 3. Share with a friend when you feel like giving up.**

How Can I Apply this Message?

- 4. Be an active contributor to the local church (1 Peter 2)**
- 5. Leverage your attitude and words for life and hope; not death and despair.**



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