





SPIRITUAL WARFARE

God-Given Power and Authority

Ephesians 6:10-15 (NLT)

10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. **12** For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

Daniel describes the angel like this:

“I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around his waist. His body looked like a precious gem. His face flashed like lightning, and his eyes flamed like torches.” —
Daniel 10:4–6 (NLT)



BIG QUESTIONS:

- 1. How did this war begin?**
- 2. Who is our enemy, and where did he come from?**
- 3. What does it mean that Jesus has given us power and authority over the kingdom of darkness?**



How the War Began

Isa. 14:12–14 (NLT)

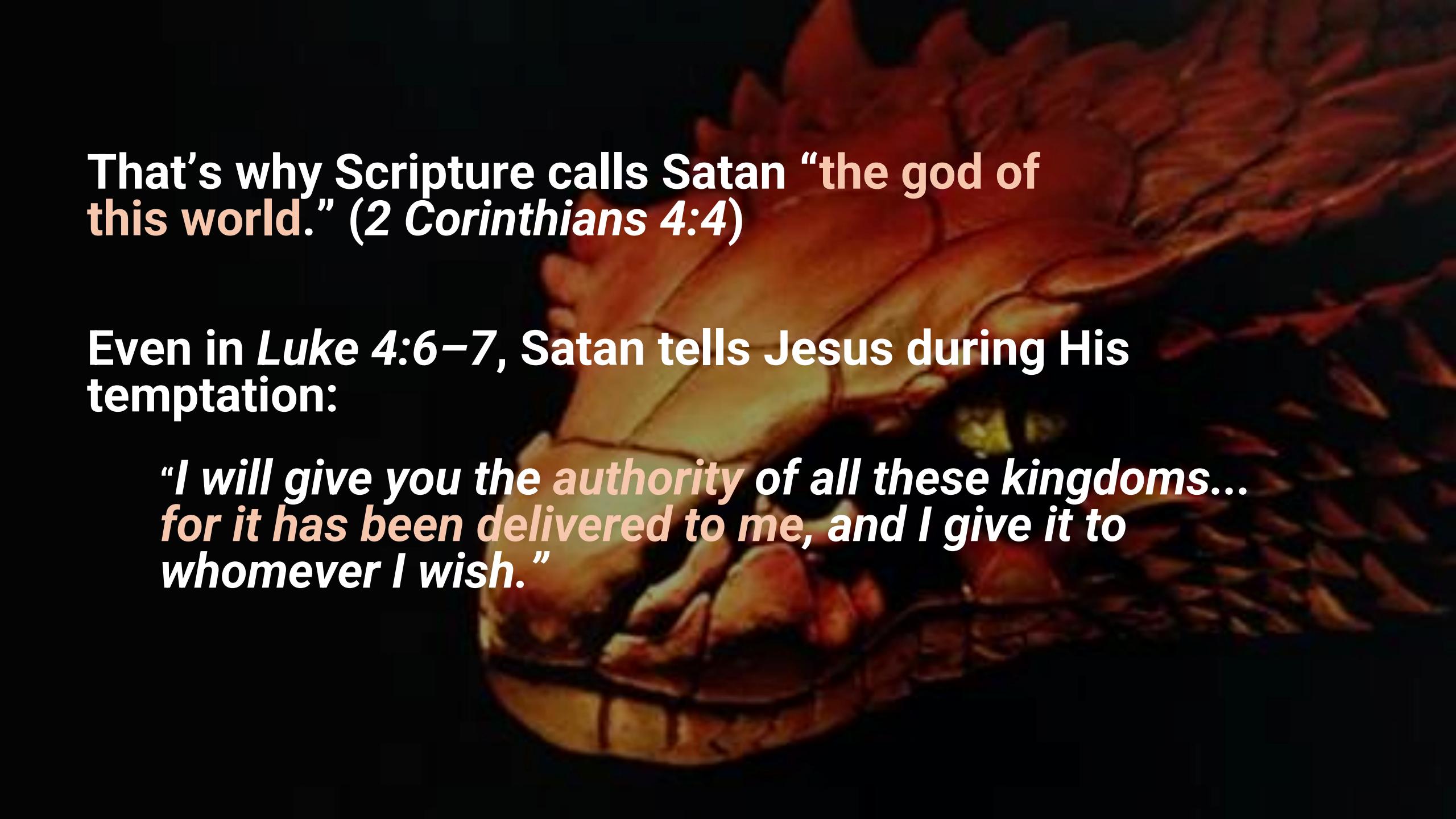
“How you are fallen from heaven, O shining star, son of the morning... You said, ‘I will ascend... I will make myself like the Most High.’”

Who is out Enemy?

Genesis 1:26–28 says:

“Let us make man in our image... and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over all the earth.”

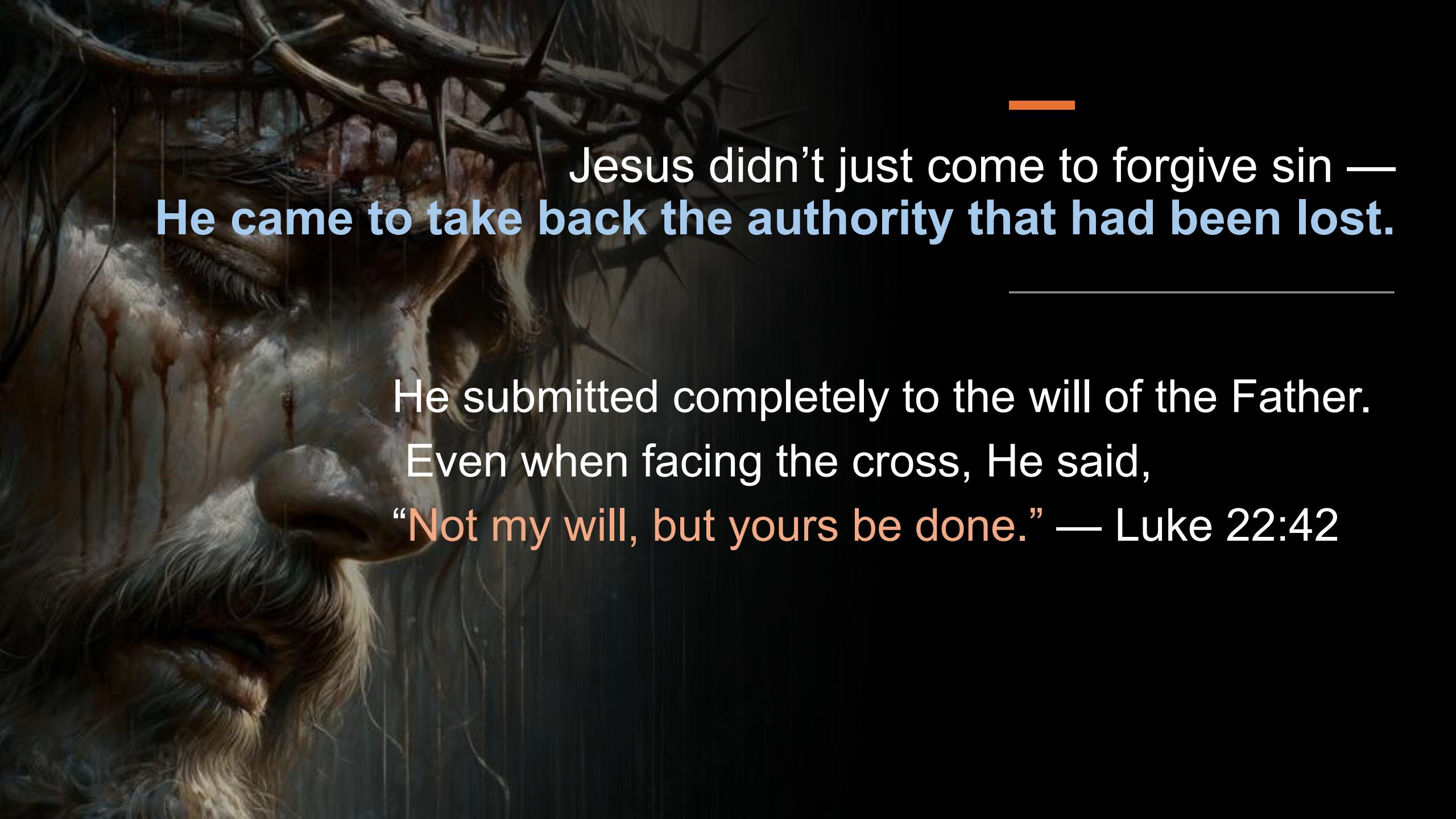




That's why Scripture calls Satan "the god of this world." (2 Corinthians 4:4)

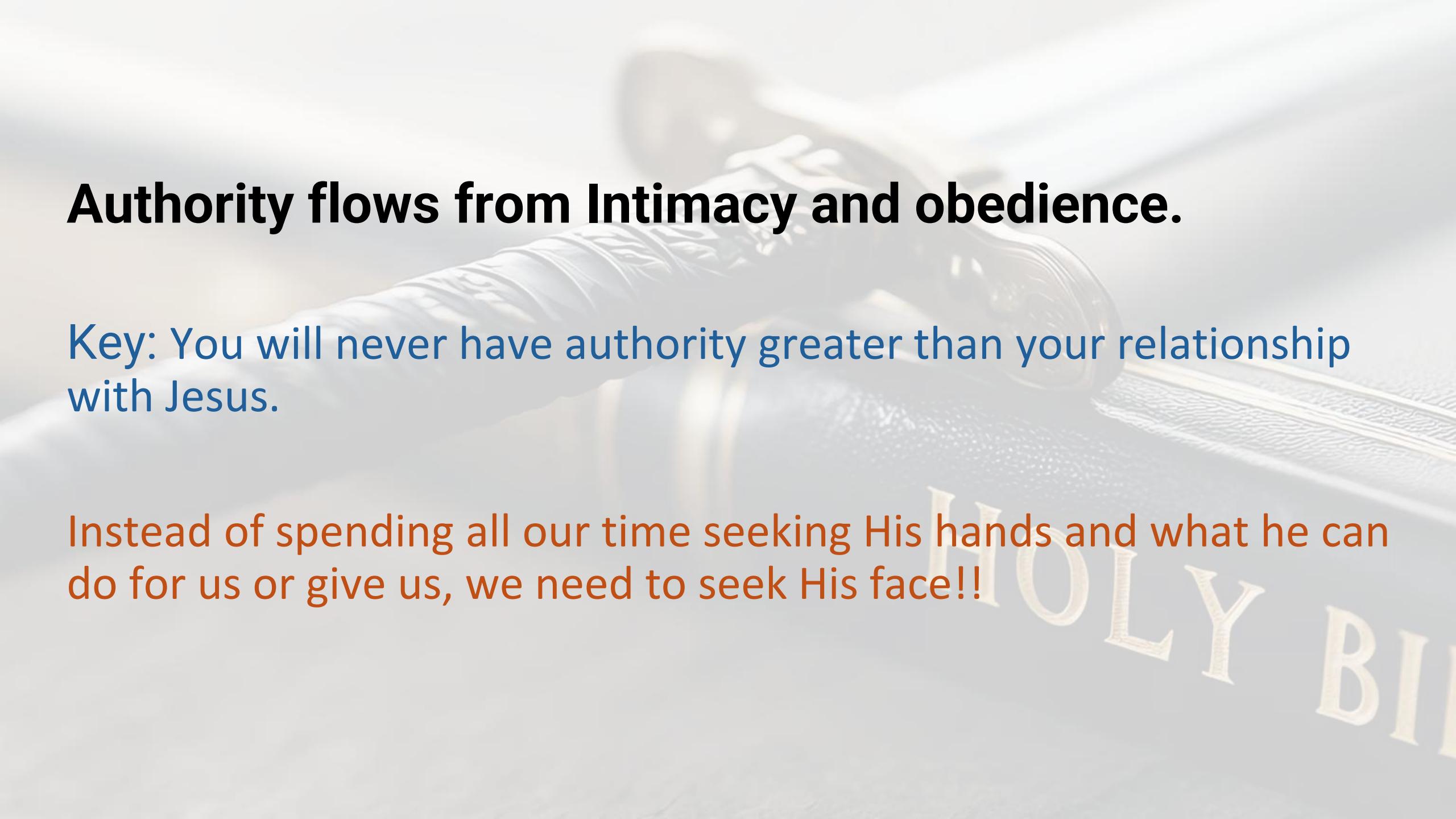
Even in *Luke 4:6–7*, Satan tells Jesus during His temptation:

"I will give you the authority of all these kingdoms... for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."



Jesus didn't just come to forgive sin —
He came to take back the authority that had been lost.

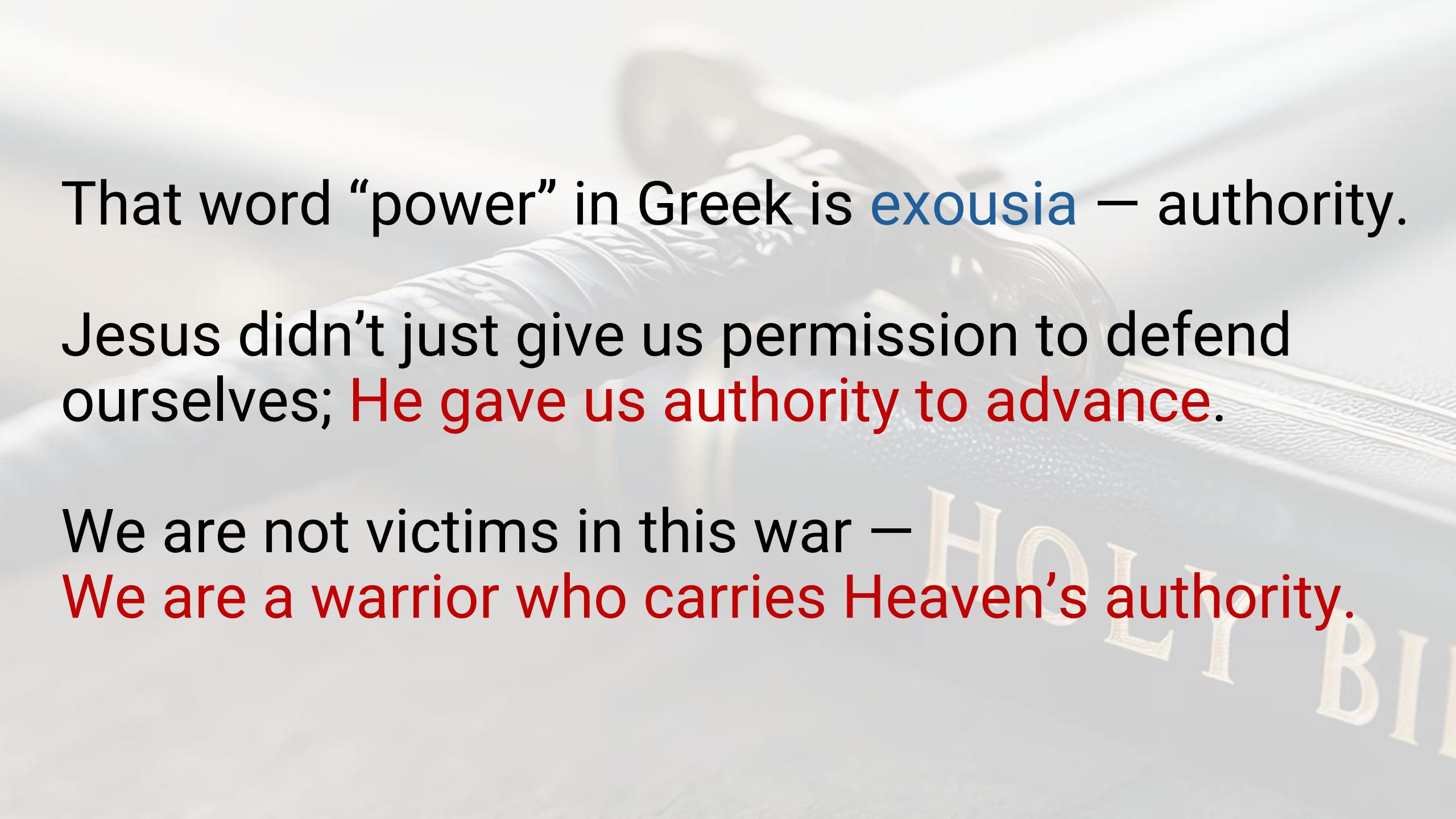
He submitted completely to the will of the Father.
Even when facing the cross, He said,
“Not my will, but yours be done.” — Luke 22:42



Authority flows from Intimacy and obedience.

Key: You will never have authority greater than your relationship with Jesus.

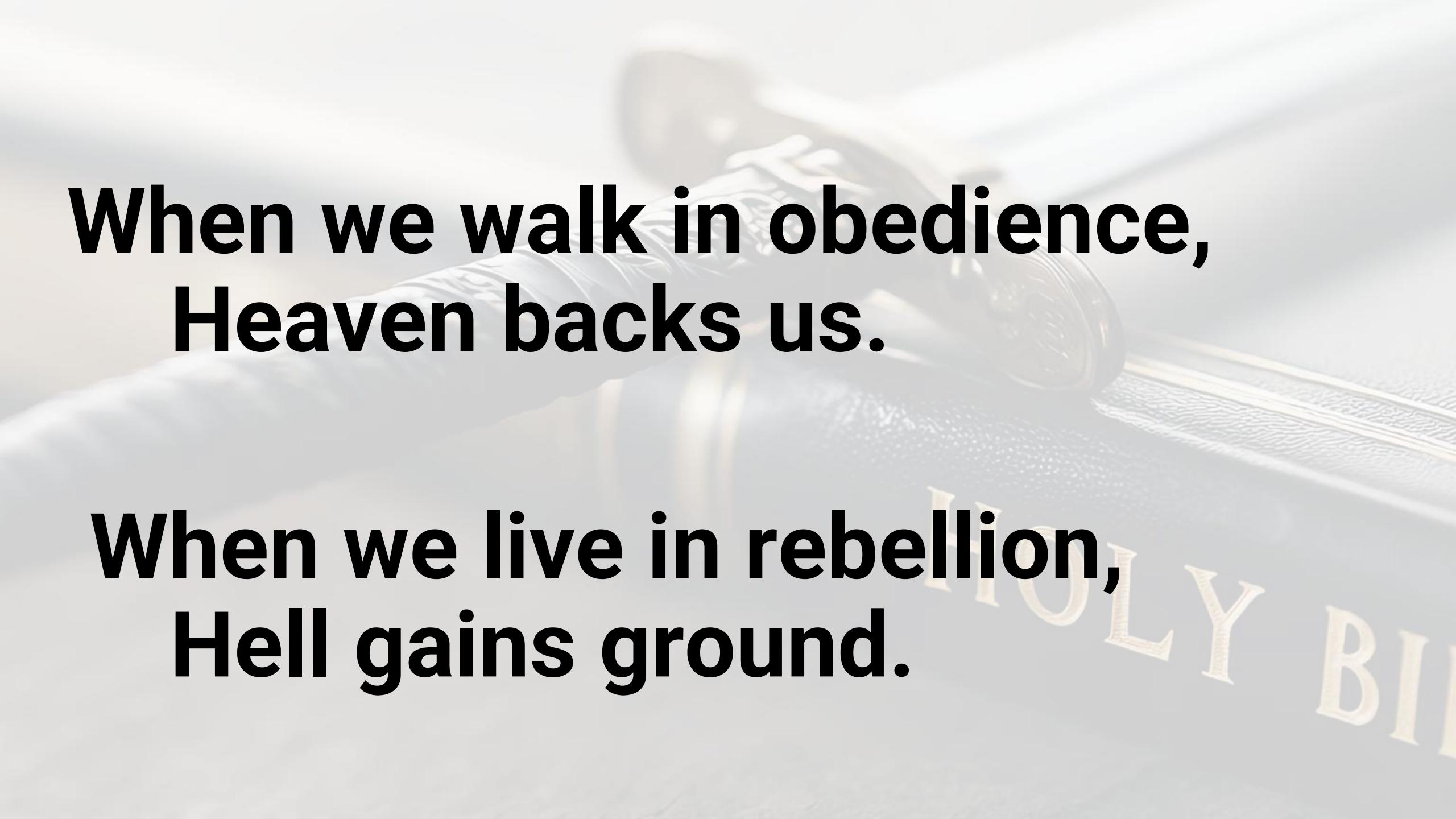
Instead of spending all our time seeking His hands and what he can do for us or give us, we need to seek His face!!



That word “power” in Greek is **exousia** – authority.

Jesus didn’t just give us permission to defend ourselves; **He gave us authority to advance.**

We are not victims in this war –
We are a warrior who carries Heaven’s authority.



**When we walk in obedience,
Heaven backs us.**

**When we live in rebellion,
Hell gains ground.**

Two Strategies of the Enemy

1. Complacency – going through life half-awake, half-obedient, and half-devoted.

A complacent Christian is a **powerless** Christian.
That's exactly what the enemy wants.

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2. Tolerance – the counterfeit of repentance.

It is not mean to confront sin. Love calls out sin because it destroys.

The Word of God: Our Standard of Authority

Jesus said in John 14:23:

“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

Obedience invites the presence of God.
Compromise invites confusion and darkness.



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