

***Possessing the Territory***  
***Unleashing Your Authority***  
***Luke 10:17-20***

***ONE THING***

***To the extent that believers exercise their authority will they experience and express Christ's victory!***

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*Today we are beginning a new series I've titled, "Possessing the Territory"*

*The victory of Jesus on the Cross and carrying forward through the Resurrection shifted the trajectory of mankind...*

*Where we were once left to our own devices in attempts to make life work as best as we could...*

*Now we have a victorious King leading the charge against the forces of Satan for the souls of mankind*

*As believers, we have not only been delivered from sin and Satan's kingdom of darkness, but we have been transferred into the victory of Jesus!*

*Last week we looked at "KNOWING YOUR IDENTITY"*

*This week I've titled the message, "Unleashing Your Authority!"*

*Jesus made some amazing statements regarding His followers...*

***Before Jesus went to the Cross He said...***

***John 14:12-14 (ESV) — Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.***

***Following His resurrection He said this...***

***John 20:21 (ESV) — Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."***

***So why do we find so many Christians cowering in corners and sitting on the sidelines?***

***I believe...***

- ***Most believers desire to walk in the victory of Jesus***
- ***Most believers attempt to walk in the victory of Jesus***
- ***Most believers fail to walk in the victory of Jesus***

***Why is this?***

***I believe it is because we don't know the truth of our IDENTITY, the magnitude of our AUTHORITY, and the importance of our RESPONSIBILITY...***

**During this series we are going to be unlocking these three components in order to move from FAILURE into VICTORY!**

**Our focus theme for this series is as follows**

**Jesus is releasing the victory He won on the Cross through His body, the Church as He advances His Kingdom here on earth.**

**Jesus told us to pray...**

**Matthew 6:9–10 (ESV) — Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**I’ve titled today’s message, “Unleashing Your Authority”**

**Our key truth for today is...**

### **ONE THING**

**To the EXTENT that believers EXERCISE their AUTHORITY will they EXPERIENCE and EXPRESS Christ’s VICTORY!**

### **QUESTION #2**

**SO WHAT? - Why does it matter?**

### **SCRIPTURAL ANSWERS**

**GOD: Let God’s word answer our issues**

### **BACKGROUND:**

**Jesus had sent out 72 of His followers into the towns He was about to go...**

**They went and did as He had told them...**

**Upon their return to Jesus listen to their excitement and the extent of their authority!**

**Luke 10:17–20 (ESV) — The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”**

### **1. The Believer’s POSITIONAL Authority**

**Luke 10:17 (ESV) — The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!”**

**The KEY here is “...IN YOUR NAME!”**

**John 16:23 (ESV) — In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.**

**John 14:13 (ESV) — Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

**There are TWO AUTHORITIES functioning today...**

→ **Pic First Level**

DEFIANT Authority	DIVINE Authority
_____ Rule	_____ Rule
_____	_____
Rules Through & _____	Rules Through & _____

**In the resurrection of Jesus the Father placed ALL authority under His feet!**

**Ephesians 1:20–21 (ESV) — That he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.**

→ **Usurped Authority**

→ **Pic Second Level**

DEFIANT Authority	DIVINE Authority
SATAN'S USURPED Rule	GOD'S UNIVERSAL Rule
_____	_____
Rules Through & _____	Rules Through & _____

**What do I mean by “usurped authority”?**

**Psalms 8:4–6 (ESV) — What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and**

**crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet**

**In the fall of man found in Genesis 3, Adam and Eve gave mankind’s delegated authority over to Satan...**

→ **The temptation of Jesus**

**Luke 4:5–6 (ESV) — And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.**

→ **Universal Authority**

**But what about saying that God rule is UNIVERSAL?**

**Romans 13:1 (ESV) — Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.**

→ **Pic Third Level**

DEFIANT Authority	DIVINE Authority
SATAN'S USURPED Rule	GOD'S UNIVERSAL Rule
FALLEN HUMANITY	REDEEMED BELIEVERS
_____	_____
Rules Through & _____	Rules Through & _____

**Ephesians 2:1–2 (ESV) — And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power**

**of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—**

**1 John 5:19 (ESV) — We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**

**But when a person gives their life to Jesus they are transferred into a new authority!**

**Colossians 1:13 (ESV) — He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son**

**→ Pic Fourth Level**

DEFIANT Authority	DIVINE Authority
SATAN'S USURPED Rule	GOD'S UNIVERSAL Rule
FALLEN HUMANITY	REDEEMED BELIEVERS
Functions in REBELLION	Functions in OBEDIENCE
Rules Through & _____	Rules Through & _____

**→ Pic Fifth Level**

DEFIANT Authority	DIVINE Authority
SATAN'S USURPED Rule	GOD'S UNIVERSAL Rule
FALLEN HUMANITY	REDEEMED BELIEVERS
Functions in REBELLION	Functions in OBEDIENCE
Rules Through LIES & BONDAGE	Rules Through TRUTH & FREEDOM

**Satan was a liar from the beginning!**

**To the extent that believers exercise their authority will they experience and express Christ's victory!**

**1. The Believer's POSITIONAL Authority**

**2. The Believer's POTENTIAL Authority**

**Luke 10:18–19 (ESV) — And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.**

**As the believers were exercising their authority in Jesus' name they were defeating Satan and his forces of evil!**

**Luke 10:18 (ESV) — And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.**

**In verse 19 Jesus declares...**

**“Behold, I have given you authority...”**

**The Greek verb used here, “to give” is in the PERFECT TENSE...**

**→ Greek Tenses Pic 1**

**PAST      PRESENT      FUTURE**



**The PAST tense is a POINT in the past...**

**“He WENT to the store”**

**The PRESENT tense is a time in the present...**

**“He IS GOING to the store”**

**The FUTURE tense is a time out in the future...**

**“He WILL BE GOING to the store”**

**→ Greek Tenses Pic 1**

# PERFECT



**The PERFECT tense COMBINES these three...**

**“He HAS BEEN GOING to the store”**

**With the idea that ...**

- He began going in the past...
- He is continuing to go...
- He will be continuing to go in the future...

**Let’s read this passage again with this idea in mind...**

**Luke 10:19 (ESV) — Behold, I have given you [am giving you and will continue giving you] authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.**

***The POTENTIAL is ALWAYS PRESENT!***

***It’s not something we work up...***

***It doesn’t start working if we pray louder...***

***In saying this however, I am not saying that it will always work no matter what...***

***What were these seventy-two followers of Jesus doing that caused the authority of Jesus’ name to be made effective?***

***Luke 10:1 (ESV) — After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.***

***Luke 10:9 (ESV) — Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’***

***And this is what they did!***

**➤ *When we function in OBEDIENCE to the MISSION of Jesus we flow in the AUTHORITY of Jesus!***

***To the extent that believers exercise their authority will they experience and express Christ’s victory!***

***1. The Believer’s POSITIONAL Authority***

***2. The Believer’s POTENTIAL Authority***

***3. The Believer’s POWERFUL Authority***

**Luke 10:20 (ESV) — Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”**

**In this passage we see the beautiful balance for experiencing and expressing the authority of Jesus**

**First we see the CERTAINTY of our authority’s POWER!**

**“... do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you...”**

**The KEY WORD that unlocks our understanding is the word, “SUBJECT”...**

**It means...**

**“To submit to the orders or directives of someone”**

**Demonic spirit MUST SUBMIT to the authority we possess in the name of Jesus!**

**When a demonic spirit knows that I know that he knows I have authority over him, he reluctantly submits.**

➤ **Our authority is CERTAIN through the VICTORY of Jesus!**

**Second, we see the SUBMISSION of our authority’s POWER!**

**Luke 10:20 (ESV) — Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”**

**In this Jesus is telling us to keep our FOCUS on God’s BIGGER PLAN...**

**→ Story of Paul and the Thessalonians...**

- **Paul was run out of town and had to leave abruptly after only ministering for a couple of months...**
- **He was worried about them and wanted to come back and check on them...**

**1 Thessalonians 2:18 (ESV) — We wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us.**

- **Paul wound up sending Timothy to check on them and found out that they were doing great!**

➤ **Our authority is SUBMISSIVE to the PURPOSES of the Father!**

**→ SIGNUP FOR PRAYING THROUGH THE BIBLE**

**→ Journal Entry this morning**

**Beginning Sunday, November 1 @ 6:00 AM**

October 25, 2020

Crossgates – AM Sermon

David Jett

**... and going through Tuesday, November 3 @ 7:00 PM  
(Close of Election here)**

**I am needing 365 people to sign up to join together in what  
we are calling, "Praying through the Bible"**

**Sign up for a time slot...**

**Arrive at the Church 10 minutes before you time**

**Enter the Worship Center and read the day's reading out  
loud**

**We will also have prayer focuses for you to stay an  
additional 15-20 minutes to pray for our nation!**

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\_\_\_\_\_ will they \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's  
\_\_\_\_\_!

**1. The Believer's \_\_\_\_\_ Authority**

_____ Authority	_____ Authority
_____ Rule	_____ Rule
_____ _____	_____ _____
Functions in _____	Functions in _____
Rules Through _____ & _____	Rules Through _____ & _____

**2. The Believer's \_\_\_\_\_ Authority**

➤ When we function in \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
Jesus we flow in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus!

**3. The Believer's \_\_\_\_\_ Authority**

➤ Our authority is \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus!

➤ Our authority is \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Father!