

Returning to the Authentic Gospel
Reestablishing Our Authority
Walking and Warring in Biblical Authority
2 Corinthians 13

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1. Confronting REBELLIOUS Authority

2 Corinthians 13:1 (ESV) — This is the third time I am coming to you. Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

2 Corinthians 13:10 (ESV) — For this reason I write these things while I am away from you, that when I come I may not have to be severe in my use of the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

Romans 2:11 (ESV) — For God shows no partiality.

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV) — But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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- 1. The **CONTROLLER**
→ **LORDING OVER PEOPLE**
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Matthew 20:25 (ESV) — But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

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1 Samuel 15:17 (ESV) — And Samuel said, “Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel.

1 Samuel 15:24 (ESV) — Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

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- 3. The **CONTENDER**
→ **WITH THE LORD**
→ **FOR THE PEOPLE**
→ **AGAINST THE DEVIL**

Hebrews 13:17 (ESV) — Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Philippians 1:27— Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel

Jude 3 — Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.

2. Confirming APOSTOLIC Authority

2 Corinthians 13:2–3a (ESV) — I warned those who sinned before and all the others, and I warn them now while absent, as I did when present on my second visit, that if I come again I will not spare them— since you seek proof that Christ is speaking in me...

Numbers 16:3–5 (ESV) — 3 They assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, “You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?” 4 When Moses heard it, he fell on his face, 5 and he said to Korah and all his company, “In the morning the LORD will show who is his, and who is holy, and will bring him near to him. The one whom he chooses he will bring near to him.

Numbers 16:31–35 (ESV) — 31 And as soon as he had finished speaking all these words, the ground under them split apart. 32 And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the people who belonged to Korah and all their goods. 33 So they and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly. 34 And all Israel who were around them fled at their cry, for they said, “Lest the earth swallow us up!” 35 And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men offering the incense.

Psalm 89:20–24 (ESV) — I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him, so that my hand shall be established with him; my arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not outwit him; the wicked shall not humble him. I will crush his foes before him and strike down those who hate him. My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him, and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

3. Clarifying AUTHENTIC Authority

2 Corinthians 13:3b–4 (ESV) — ... He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you. For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.

- **God’s principle for the display of His Kingdom on earth: POWER through WEAKNESS**

Matthew 20:25–28 (ESV) — But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV) — But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

4. Confessing REDEEMING Authority

2 Corinthians 13:5–9 (ESV) — Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?— unless indeed you fail to meet the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test. But we pray to God that you may not do wrong—not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. Your restoration is what we pray for.

- ***An INTELLECTUAL faith ACCEPTS the INFORMATION about Jesus. This is RELIGION...***

- ***A TRANSFORMATIONAL faith SURRENDERS to the REDEMPTION of Jesus. This is RELATIONSHIP...***

5. Celebrating RESTORED Authority

2 Corinthians 13:11–13 (ESV) — Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

- 1. To enjoy a state of happiness and well-being***

- 2. To make someone completely adequate or sufficient***

- 3. To cause someone to be encouraged or consoled***

- 4. Think the same way***

- 5. Live in Peace with others***

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