God Family Country

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Living Under Christ's Authority

Speaker: Pastor Tony Orihuela

Highlighted Scripture

- **John 19:10–11**
  When Pilate claimed to have authority over Jesus, Jesus responded that Pilate would have no authority unless it had been given to him from above. Even in His trial, Jesus demonstrated that God's sovereign authority is greater than every earthly power.

- **Matthew 28:19–20**
  Tony reminds believers of the Great Commission, calling Christians to go, make disciples, and proclaim the Gospel to all nations.

- **John 14:12**
  Jesus declares that those who believe in Him will do the works He has been doing and will do even greater works because He is going to the Father. Tony uses this passage to encourage believers to trust God's power at work through them.

Discussion Questions

• Why do you think Jesus remained calm before Pilate, even though His crucifixion was imminent?

• What does Jesus' statement about Pilate's authority teach us about God's sovereignty?

• Tony says believers have authority through Christ. According to the Scriptures he references, what is that authority primarily given for?

• How can understanding God's authority give us courage when facing fear or opposition?

• In what ways can you faithfully participate in the Great Commission where God has placed you?

Reflection Challenge

Live confidently under Christ's authority.

Ask yourself:

• Am I relying on my own strength or on the authority Christ has entrusted to His followers?

• Is fear preventing me from speaking about Jesus or serving Him faithfully?

• How can I boldly represent Christ while remaining humble and dependent on Him?

Try this:

• Read John 19:10–11 and thank God that His authority is

greater than every earthly power.

• Pray for courage to share your faith with someone this week.

• Look for one opportunity to encourage another believer with the hope found in Christ.

• Ask God each morning to help you faithfully carry out the mission He has given you.

Remember

• God's authority is greater than every earthly authority.

• Jesus willingly submitted to the Father's plan for our salvation.

• Believers are called to represent Christ through the power He provides.

• The Great Commission belongs to every follower of Jesus.

• Our confidence comes from Christ's authority, not our own ability.

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You for Your sovereign authority over every circumstance. Thank You for sending Jesus, who willingly obeyed Your plan to accomplish our salvation. Help me live courageously under Christ's authority, trusting not in my own strength but in the power You provide. Give me boldness to share the Gospel, compassion to serve others, and humility to

remember that every good work is accomplished through You.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.