

**DNA DISCOVERY  
CHANGES  
EVERYTHING!**



## DNA Strand #2

# Spiritual Authority

*Rely on the Holy Spirit's Power*



The Church at Jerusalem



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# REDISCOVERING THE 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHURCH FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SPIRITUAL AWAKENING



**DNA Thread #2 Spiritual Authority**



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**1<sup>8</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.**

**Matthew 28:19**

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# **JESUS GAVE AUTHORITY TO HIS DISCIPLES**

- **Matthew 10:1 “authority over unclean spirits”**
- **Mark 6:7 “appointed seventy-two others”**
- **Luke 10:1 “gave them authority over unclean spirits”**

**NO HOLY  
SPIRIT,  
NO POWER**

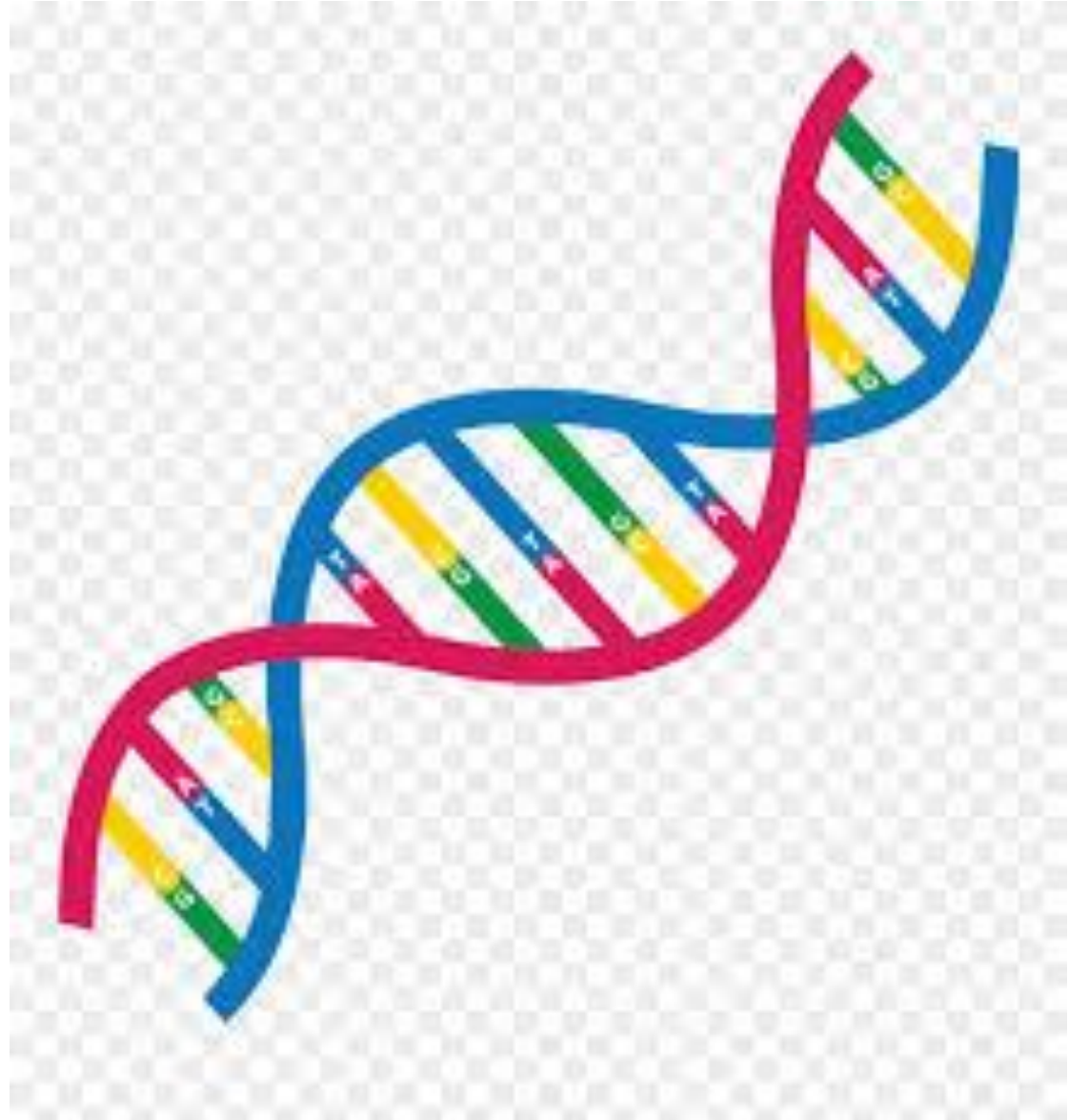




**1. SPIRITUAL  
AUTHORITY--**

**IMITATE JESUS**

ACTS 11:25-26



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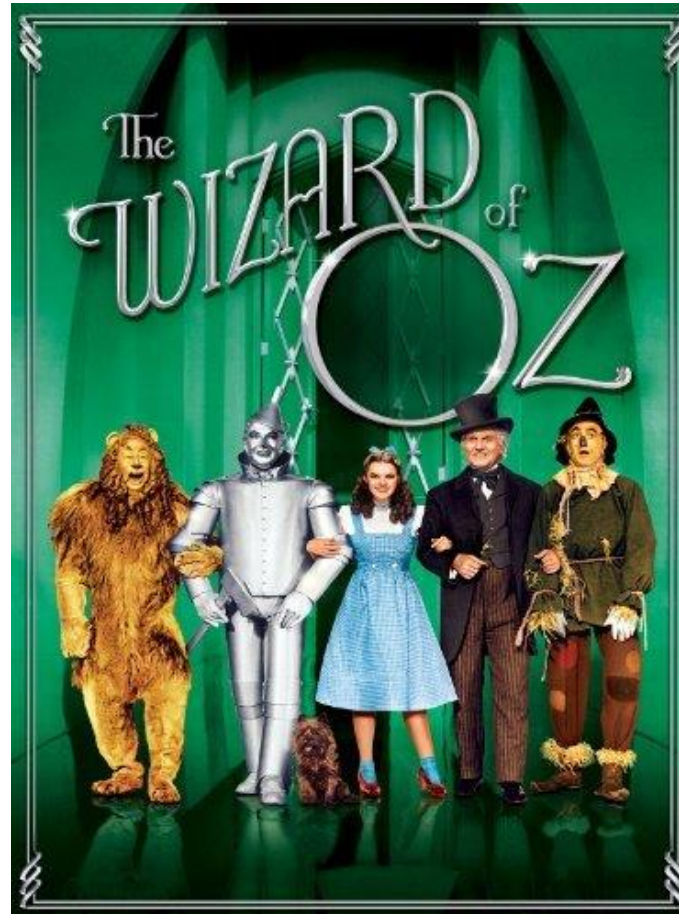
**<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went on to Tarsus to look for Saul. <sup>26</sup> When he found him, he brought him back to Antioch. Both of them stayed there with the church for a full year, teaching large crowds of people. (It was at Antioch that the believers were first called Christians.)**

**Acts 11:25-24**

## WHAT ARE YOUR TWO WORDS?

*There is no longer room for  
smoke and mirrors or  
something mysterious going  
on behind the curtain. We  
must biblically assist God's  
people in a self-discovery of  
their missionary potential in  
Christ! Alan Hirsch*

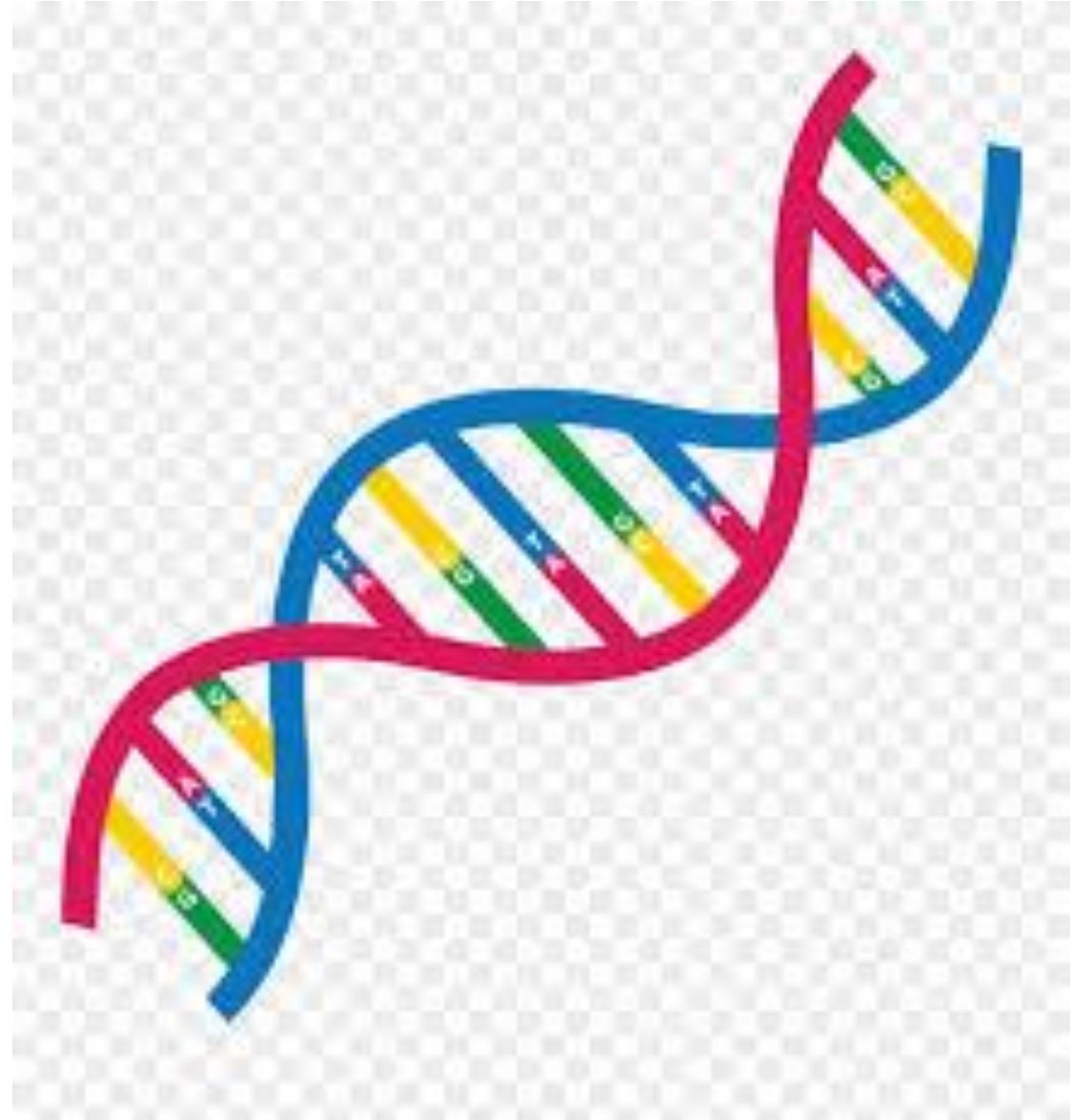
## Missional Revival



## **2. SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY--**

**OBEYS ORDERS**

ACTS 1:6-8



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**<sup>8</sup> But the officer said, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, ‘Go,’ and they go, or ‘Come,’ and they come. And if I say to my slaves, ‘Do this,’ they do it.”**

**Matthew 8:8-9**

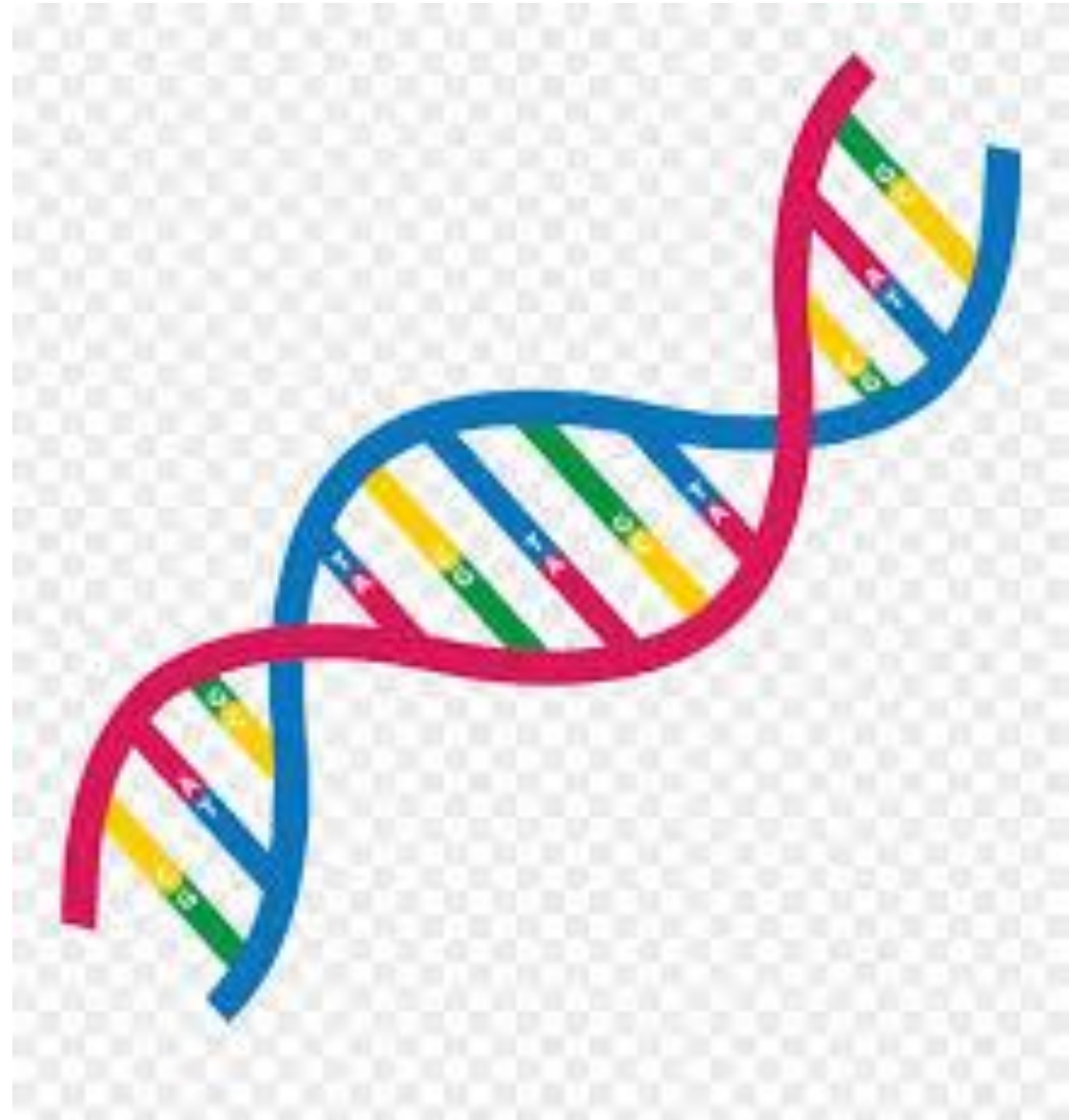
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### **3. SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY--**

### **WITNESS FOR CHRIST**

ACTS 1:14; 2:1







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**<sup>7</sup> He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”**

**Acts 1:7-8**

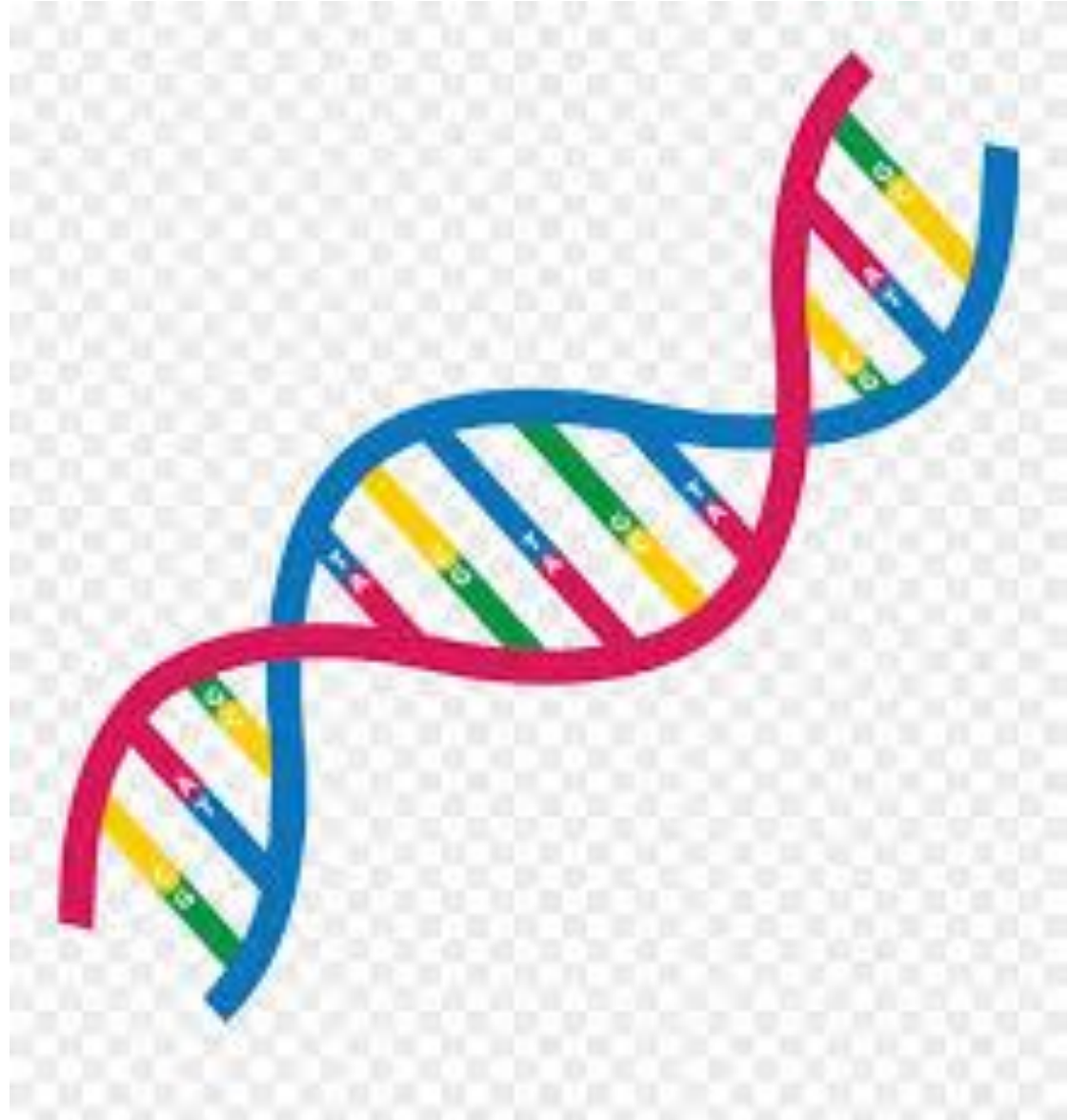
**OUR PURSUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
SHOULD NEVER BE ABOUT SEEKING AN  
EXPERIENCE, BUT ABOUT A  
RELATIONSHIP**



**4. SPIRITUAL  
AUTHORITY--**

**ACCOUNTABLE**

ACTS 1:14; 2:1



*Ananias  
and  
Sapphira  
Lied to the  
Holy Spirit  
(Acts 5)*



*Simon the  
Sorcerer  
Treated the  
Holy Spirit like  
a Commodity  
(Acts 8)*



*Jewish  
Leaders  
Resisted the  
Holy Spirit  
(Acts 7)*



*The Jerusalem  
Church Was  
Filled With and  
Controlled By  
The Holy Spirit  
(Acts 2)*



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**UNDER**  
THE **INFLUENCE**



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# GOD RELIANCE VERSUS SELF-RELIANCE

- **Witness By the Spirit:** A Life of Missionary Action for Christ
- **Fruit of the Spirit:** A Life of Character Traits Like Christ
- **Gifts of the Spirit:** A Life of Spiritual Giftedness from Christ



Without the Spirit of God, we  
can do nothing. We are as ships  
without wind. We are useless.

– Charles Spurgeon

AZ QUOTES



**DNA Principles**

- Life of Christ
- His Disciples (Sending of the 12 and 70)
- Churches of Acts

**First Helix**

- Love God
- Love Neighbor

**Second Helix**

- Authority
- Sent
- Make Disciples
- All Nations
- Obedience

**THE QUESTION IS NOT  
DO YOU HAVE THE  
HOLY SPIRIT BUT DOES  
THE HOLY SPIRIT HAVE  
YOU?**

*14 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts.*

*Zechariah 4:6*

# Dunamis



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## **CALL TO ACTION—NEXT EIGHT WEEKS**

- Commit to a Season of Missional Revival
- Read Acts Using the ACTS Reading Guides
- Pray Using the ACTS Prayer Guides
- Listen to These Sermons from Acts
- Participate in an ACTS Small Group
- Do the Weekly Missionary Activity