

# **Exercising Our Authority: Authorized to Resist**

In the name of Jesus, we've been authorized to resist, and permitted to share in the glory of His victory by faith.

## The Fulfillment of the Messianic Prophecy

### **Isaiah 61:1**

#### **New Living Translation**

**61 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me,  
for the Lord has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.**

**He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted  
and to proclaim that captives will be released  
and prisoners will be freed.[a]**

### **Luke 4:18**

#### **New Living Translation**

**18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,  
that the blind will see,  
that the oppressed will be set free,**

### **Matthew 11:2-6**

#### **New Living Translation**

**2 John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, 3 “Are you the Messiah we've been expecting,[a] or should we keep looking for someone else?”**

**4 Jesus told them, “Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen— 5 the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached**

to the poor.” 6 And he added, “God blesses those who do not fall away because of me.[b]”

- Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah, the only begotten Son of God.
- He came into this world to destroy the works of Satan.
- Every single one of us is either located in Chr(I)st or in S(I)n
- If in Christ we are on His side and will be saved, if in sin we are His enemies and will be destroyed.
- Once we are converted and born again God puts His Spirit inside of us. Oh that we would cater to His Spirit, and not our flesh.

## Humble is the High Way

James 4:5-7

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5 Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him.[a] 6 And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say,

“God opposes the proud  
but gives grace to the humble.”[b]

7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

- In order to exercise our authority in Christ, we must first be under the authority of Christ.
- God resist the proud and there is another force ready to accept them.
- **Proverbs 16:18 New Living Translation**  
Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.

Philippians 2:8-11

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8 he humbled himself in obedience to God  
and died a criminal’s death on a cross.

9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor

and gave him the name above all other names,  
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

- Jesus humbled Himself and God gave Him a name above all names.
- When we humble ourselves we're given access to use that authority of that name!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Chosen

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

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**26 Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world's eyes or powerful or wealthy[a] when God called you. 27 Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. 28 God chose things despised by the world,[b] things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. 29 As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.**

**30 God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin. 31 Therefore, as the Scriptures say, "If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord." [c]**

- Remember the lowliness you can from.
- You are in the presence of God, He lives in you, don't boast.

## Sent

### **Luke 10:1-3**

#### **New Living Translation**

#### **Jesus Sends Out His Disciples**

**10** The Lord now chose seventy-two[a] other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit. **2** These were his instructions to them: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields. **3** Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves.

- I chose you, I sent you!
- You will be opposed just (AS) lambs who have no defense against wolves.

### **John 17:20-23**

#### **New Living Translation**

**20** “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. **21** I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

**22** “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. **23** I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

- If you’ve believed in the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ you are a disciple who is one with Jesus.
- One in glory, one in unity, one in love.

## Authorized

### **Mark 16:16-18**

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**16 Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. 17 These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.[a] 18 They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."**

- We exercise God's authority through the strategy of obedience to see triumph. "IN MY NAME"

### **Luke 10:16-20**

#### **New Living Translation**

**16 Then he said to the disciples, "Anyone who accepts your message is also accepting me. And anyone who rejects you is rejecting me. And anyone who rejects me is rejecting God, who sent me."**

**17 When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!"**

**18 "Yes," he told them, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! 19 Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. 20 But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven."**

- More than the original disciples received authority.
- We are the more.
- Our greatest reason to rejoice is not authority evil spirits but Heaven!

## Resisting the Resistance

- Why do police officers have more than badges?

### **Ephesians 6:10-18**

#### **New Living Translation**

#### **The Whole Armor of God**

**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[a] 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.**

**13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. 14 Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. 15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.[b] 16 In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.[c] 17 Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

**18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.[d]**

- Our resistance doesn't always immediately comply.
- Stop resisting, Stop resisting. Use of force policy.
- Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, the word of God.

### **Acts 19:11-16**

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**11 God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles. 12 When handkerchiefs or aprons that had merely touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and evil spirits were expelled.**

**13 A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, “I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!” 14 Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. 15 But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, “I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?” 16 Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered.**

- It's not in the name of Jesus through the faith of another!

### **Acts 3:3-16**

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**3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.**

**4 Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. 6 But Peter said, “I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene,[a] get up and[b] walk!”**

**7 Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man’s feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. 8 He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.**

**9 All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. 10 When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! 11 They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon’s Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.**

#### **Peter Preaches in the Temple**

**12 Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. “People of Israel,” he said, “what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness? 13 For it is the**

**God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite Pilate’s decision to release him. 14 You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer. 15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact!**

**16 “Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes.**

- Peter didn’t pray, he exercised the authority He was given. He didn’t say Jesus please heal Him.
- He used the power in the name of Jesus that He was given, SUCH AS I HAVE!!!