

## Day 4: Kingdom Authority ~ All Authority

A person has authority when it has been delegated to them. Yes, people attempt to take authority, but if it isn't given to them, then they do not have true authority and can be overridden by someone with actual authority. For example, someone who steals can be arrested. Someone who steps out of alignment at their job can be fired.

Jesus said in multiple places, I have given you ALL authority (Matt 28:18; Luke 9:1; Eph 1:21). When Jesus died and rose again, He was seated at the right hand of the Father with ALL authority. He has delegated His authority- kingdom authority- to you and I.

So, what are we doing with this authority? Are we living powerless and helpless in our daily lives? Or, are we calling upon His name- Jesus- the name over all names, and walking in kingdom authority?

Matthew 16:18-19, "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Keys signify access to the kingdom, authority of the kingdom, and revelation of the kingdom that Peter and the disciples are to utilize to bring others into the kingdom.

Matthew 10:7-8, "As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'<sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give." We have the authority to call upon the name of Jesus for others and ourselves to be healed, delivered, and whole.

Luke 10:19, "I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you." When the enemy comes at us, we have the authority to cast him aside and keep walking. Are you walking in this authority or are you allowing the devil to buffet you?

## Day 4 Worksheet

Jesus gives each of us authority to bring God's ways to earth. Were you aware of this? If yes, how did you learn? If not, how does it impact you knowing it now?

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The keys to the kingdom of God give you access, authority, and revelation knowledge. What does this mean to you?

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What would change in your life if you walked in the authority of Christ?

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What prevents you from walking in authority? (Shame, guilt, unworthiness, lack of knowledge, etc.)

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What two action steps can you take today to walk in authority in your life?

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