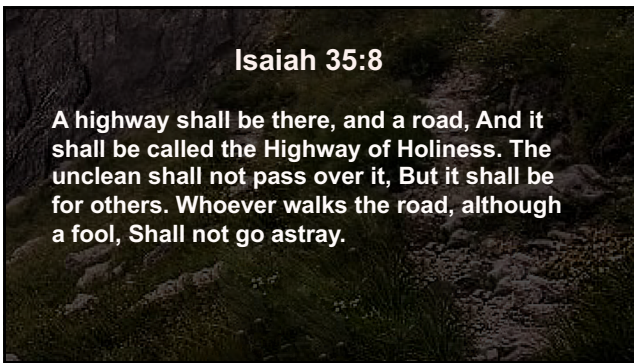
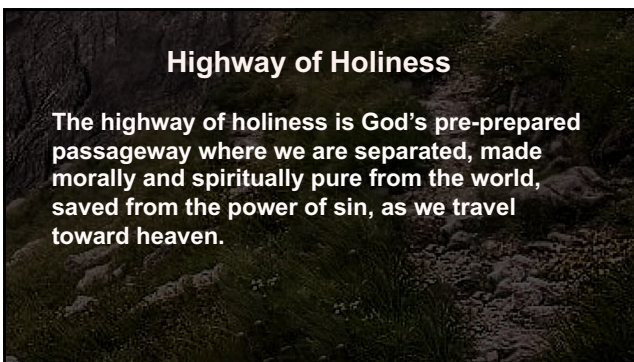




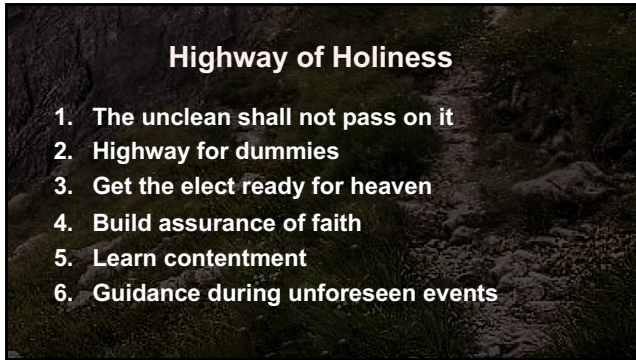
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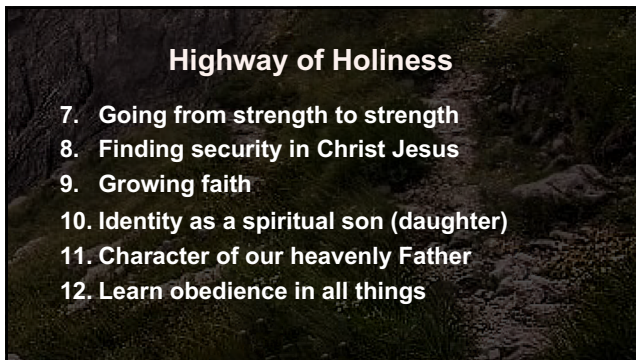
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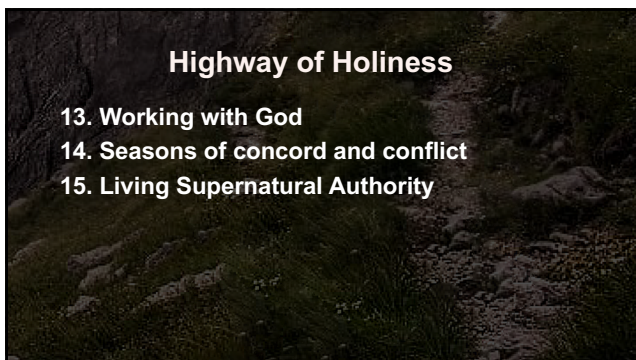
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Why Do We Need Gentle Warriors?

There's a real battle with a real enemy with real victory and real defeat.

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Gentleness through Strength

A strong person, can afford to be gentle, firm, thoughtful, and restrained. They can afford to extend a helping hand to others. A weak person that must behave with bluster and boasting and rashness and other signs of insecurity.

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Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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Matthew 28:18-20

20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

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Authority

Authority (Greek exousia) means ability to choose, the right to govern

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Luke 10:19

19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

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Power

power (Greek dynamis, dunamis,) means the ability or strength to act.

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Power Flows From Authority

The police officer's badge represents delegated authority given to them from a governing body with authority. The police officer's gun represents (a portion) of their power to enforce that authority. The Kingdom of God has all power flowing from authority (right makes might) under the golden rule "do to others as you would have them do to you" (Mat 7:12)

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Authority flows from Power

The kingdoms of the world has all authority flowing from power. The world says the opposite "might makes right" and their golden rule is "he who has the gold rules". The ruler of this world (the devil) is a usurper of God's given authority by using his power to deceive and all in his kingdom operate under this principle.

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Look Deeper With Inconsistent Decisions

When a government decision seems inconsistent or outright insane, look to the principle of self-interest and the world's golden rule and it becomes more logical.

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Power Flows From Authority

The Kingdom of God has all power flowing from authority (right makes might). Exercise of power under the golden rule "do to others as you would have them do to you" (Mat 7:12, Luke 6:31).

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Authority Flows From Power

The Kingdoms of this world says "might makes right" and their golden rule is "he who has the gold rules". The ruler of this world (the devil) is a usurper of God's given authority by using his power to deceive. All in the devil's kingdom operate under this same principle to pretend to be a legitimate authority.

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**“ Political
power grows
out of the
barrel of a gun. ”**

Mao Zedong (Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-tung)

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US Declaration of Independence

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,

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US Declaration of Independence

That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government

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Luke 20:1-8

1 Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, that the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted Him 2 and spoke to Him, saying, "Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?"

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Sanhedrin

The Sanhedrin in the time of Christ was a Jewish high court and legislative body in Jerusalem, composed of 70+1 members including priests, scribes, and elders. Sanhedrin functioned both as a supreme court and an administrative council for Jewish affairs under Roman oversight. It met daily except on the Sabbath and major festivals, and its leader was the high priest.

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Sanhedrin Authority

- Authority derived from the law
- New members chosen by the Sanhedrin, effectively appointed by the high priest.
- The people (over)ruled by threat of violence

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People of Authority in NT Israel

Chief Priests	leading priests in the Jewish religious hierarchy, primarily from the families of the high priest (Clerics, Judges)
Scribes	learned men who studied, interpreted, and taught the Scriptures, acting as experts in the Law of Moses . (Academics/Lawyers)
Elders	leading priests in the Jewish religious hierarchy, primarily from the families of the high priest. (Civil leaders, Legislature)

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Luke 20:1-8

3 But He answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me: 4 The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men?"

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Luke 20:1-8

5 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 6 But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet."

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Luke 20:1-8

7 So they answered that they did not know where it was from. 8 And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

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John was witness to Jesus' Authority

Jesus answered the religious leader's question about his authority and he exposed the source and limits of their authority without ever responding to their question.

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John the Baptist's Testimony about Jesus

23 He said: "I am 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord," 'as the prophet Isaiah said."

26 John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. 27 It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

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John the Baptist's Testimony about Jesus

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

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Jesus Testimony About Us Is Our Authority

The basis of every believers authority is what Jesus says about who we are and what we are called to do.

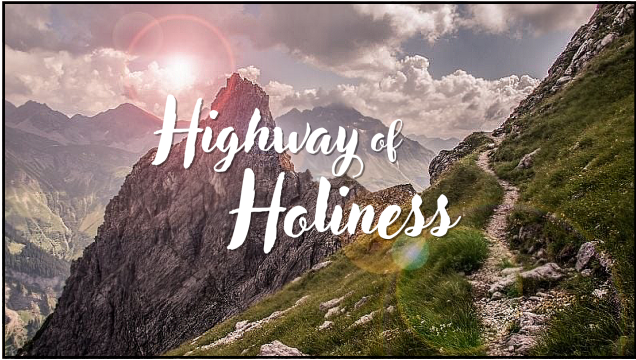
"Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren who are with me" Galatians 1:1

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Isaiah 35:8

A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.

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