

THE WAY OF JESUS: AUTHORITY PT.2

Sermon Series : The Way of Jesus

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“For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.” (Jn 12:49-50)

We walk in the authority of Jesus:

- Jesus destroyed the work of the Devil (1 Jn 3:8)
- Jesus disarmed the power of the devil (Col 2:15)
- Jesus delegated authority to his disciples (Lk 10:19; Mt 10:1)

We do not own spiritual authority we host it

- Authority = Right + Might for your Fight
- You WALK in Authority by coming UNDER Authority

Authority from Jesus comes from relationship with Jesus (Lk 4:6; Mt 16:19AMP; compare with Jn 14:10)

- Jn 4:48; Mt 11:23; Jn 14:10

We have been given authority to bless (Pv 18:21; Lk 6:28)

- One of the simplest ways we can exercise our authority is to bless others.
- You are God’s poetry (Eph 2:10). Handiwork = Poiema (poy’-ay-mah): It’s where we get our English word for poem.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCE:

Given: *The Forgotten Meaning and Practice of Blessing*
by Tina Boesch (<https://www.amazon.com/dp/1631469738>)

QUESTIONS

1. What is “spiritual authority”? How do we get/grow in it?
2. Have you ever had someone bless you verbally (or materially)? Share the story.
 - a. How did it make you feel?
 - b. What impact did it have on you? How does it continue to impact you?
3. Mike talked about the authority to “bless”.
 - a. Can you think of any Scriptural blessings (or prayers) that could be used in the act of blessing? (Eg. Num 6:22-26; Eph 3:16-19).
 - b. Are there common themes?
4. Break into pairs so that each person has an opportunity to receive this blessing and to pray it over someone:
“May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

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PRAYER & UPDATES

We are continuing to pray for the same three things: (1) [permits](#), (2) [parking agreement](#), and (3) [lending process](#). They are intimately connected, and we are on the brink of breakthrough in each arena.

- [Pray for us to receive a written parking agreement with OIT.](#)
- [Pray for our building permit to be granted by the city of Wilsonville.](#)
- [Pray for the remainder of the lending processes.](#) The audit went amazingly well. Stacy has worked tirelessly to make this happen, and all her hard work was acknowledge by the auditor: she has done an exceptional job. Thank God for Stacy's hard work; and for the rest of the process to move smoothly and quickly.