

THE WAY OF JESUS: AUTHORITY

Sermon Series : The Way of Jesus

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“...That power [for us who believe] is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion...(Eph 1:19b-21a)

1. [Jesus Wants Us to Walk in His Authority]

Matt 28:17-19; 2 Cor 10:8

- Are you a disciple of Jesus or a disciple of this world?

2. [Jesus Wants Us to Destroy the Works of the Devil]

1Jn 3:8; (see also Col 2:15; Luke 10:19)

- Satan only has the authority we forfeit to him
- A believer who doesn't walk in authority will crawl in captivity

3. [Jesus Wants Us to Know and Act in This Power and Authority]

Acts 3:6; Eph 1:18-22; Acts 10:38, 1:8;

- A believer who doesn't walk the talk will retreat in defeat
- When we step out in EXOUSIA (authority) God steps out in DUNAMIS (power)

QUESTIONS

1. Discipleship is about being under the authority of Jesus. When you look at your life—the rules you submit to and the decisions you are making—Are you a disciple of Jesus or a disciple of this world? What is forming you the most?
2. The Bible makes a clear case that we are called to walk in Christ's authority. What prevents you from walking in the authority Jesus won for you and delegated to you?
3. How might Grace Chapel be different today if all of us truly grasped the authority we have been given as Jesus' disciples? How might YOU be different?
4. What is the “next step” you need to take in order to be able walk boldly in the authority that Jesus has given you?

Take time to pray for each other, using the authority we have been given to call God's power to move in each other; and praying that we would walk boldly in His authority.

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PRAYER & UPDATES

We are continuing to pray for the same three things: permits, parking agreement, and lending process. There has been some hope-inducing movement this week.

- **Pray for us to receive a written parking agreement with OIT.**
We have been told they have a draft copy of the parking agreement. Pray for this to make its way to us ASAP!
- **Pray for our building permit to be granted by the city of Wilsonville THIS WEEK.** We have been informed our permits should be available this week. We have been told this before, so pray that we DO get them THIS WEEK!!!
- **Pray for the financial audit taking place tomorrow and Tuesday.**
One of the final steps in our lending process is our financial audit. Today (Sunday) and tomorrow (Monday) the auditors are at the office with Stacy, Amanda and Matt, going through our finances, payroll, and other HR details. Stacy has been working tirelessly to ensure everything is as it should be.
- Pray that the audit would affirm our stewardship of all that God has entrusted to us, and that the auditors would identify any of our processes that may be below standard so that we ensure that we are managing our staff and resources to the highest standards.
- Continue to pray that our lending would be approved swiftly.