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Who is in charge of your life?

I want to honor the authority of Jesus.


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Then Jesus went to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and taught there in the synagogue every Sabbath day.

Luke 4:31

There, too, the people were amazed at his teaching, for he spoke with authority.

Luke 4:32

Once when he was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon - an evil spirit - cried out shouting,

Luke 4:33

“Go away! Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are -

the Holy One of God!”

Luke 4:34

But Jesus reprimanded him.

“Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered. At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came out of him without hurting him further.

Luke 4:35

Amazed, the people exclaimed, "What authority and power this man's words possess! Even evil spirits obey him, and they flee at his command!"

Luke 4:36

The news about Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.

Luke 4:37

- **Evil spirits are real.**

<u>Ephesians 6:12</u>
For we 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.

- **The enemy seeks destruction.**

<u>John 10:10</u>
The thief's purpose is to steal, kill and destroy.
My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

- **Evil spirits are subject to Jesus' authority.**

<u>Colossians 2:15</u>
In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

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How can I honor Jesus' authority in my life?

- Be hungry for His teaching

But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say,

‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:4

Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment.

1 Peter 2:2

**How sweet your words taste to me;
they are sweeter than honey.**

Psalm 119:103

- Be receptive to His leadership

When the king heard what was written in the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes in despair.

2 Kings 22:11

This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says concerning the message you have just heard:

2 Kings 22:18-19

You were sorry and humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I said against this city and its people - that this land would be cursed and desolate.

2 Kings 22:18-19

You tore your clothing in despair and wept before me in repentance. And I have indeed heard you, says the LORD.

2 Kings 22:18-19

- Be clear about His identity

Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Matthew 6:9

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

- Be determined to trust and obey without excuse

But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”

Luke 9:62

No excuses.

How do I honor Jesus' authority in my life?

- Be hungry
- Be receptive
- See clearly
- Be determined


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