

Encountering Freedom in 2025 - 4 - OUR AUTHORITY IN CHRIST

I. HAVE FAITH IN GOD - *THE GOD KIND OF FAITH*

Mark 11:22 So Jesus answered and said to them, ***“Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever **says** to this mountain, **“Be removed and be cast into the sea,”** and **does not doubt** in his heart, but **believes that those things he says will be done**, he will have whatever he **says**. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, **believe that you receive them**, and you will have them.***

A. FAITH AND AUTHORITY

1. HIS SONS CARRY HIS AUTHORITY - *TRUTH STATEMENT*

John 11:40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?” **41** Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, ***“Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.”*** **43** Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!”

2. THE BELIEVING HEART MOVES MOUNTAINS - *IRREFUTIBLE*

3. WORDS ARE THE CONDUIT FOR FAITH AND AUTHORITY - *WORDS ARE THE FOCAL POINT OF AUTHORITY AND FAITH - LASER*

- ***AUTHORITY EXPRESSED is the WORD OF COMMAND. Jesus commanded the fig tree to wither and it did. He commanded the storm to calm and it did. He commanded the dead to rise and they did.***
- ***The mechanism for authority is declaration and command***
- ***IF YOU WANT MOUNTAINS TO MOVE YOU MUST SPEAK TO THEM***

B. DOUBT MAY EXISTS IN US BUT NEVER IN GOD

1. WE MAY DOUBT OUR QUALIFICATIONS TO CARRY AUTHORITY

- **HE QUALIFIES US IN HIS OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS**
- 2. **WE MAY DOUBT OUR ABILITY TO ENFORCE HIS WORD**
- **HE ENFORCES HIS OWN WORD. IF THAT IS WHAT WE SPEAK**

Is. 55:11 So shall **My word** be that goes forth from **My** mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall **accomplish** what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

- 3. **WE MAY DOUBT HIS LOVE FOR US - WHICH INCLUDES APPROVAL, INCLUSION TO HIS COUNSEL AND ENDORSEMENT TO REPRESENT HIM**

Rom. 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, **WHO can be against us?** ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, **HOW shall He not WITH HIM also freely GIVE US all things?** ³³ **WHO shall bring a charge against God's elect?** It is God who justifies. ³⁴ **WHO is he who condemns?** **IT IS CHRIST who died, and furthermore is also RISEN, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.** ³⁵ **WHO shall separate us from the love of Christ?** Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

Rom. 8:37 Yet in all these things **WE ARE more than conquerors (HIS VICTORY IS OUR VICTORY) THROUGH HIM who loved us.** ³⁸ For **I am persuaded** that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, **SHALL BE ABLE to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

- **PERSECUTION AND SUFFERING DO NOT DISQUALIFY US FROM MOVING IN HIS AUTHORITY.**
- **WHEN WE ACCEPT HIS LOVE FOR US, ALL TESTING ELEVATES OUR AUTHORITY**

- **HIS LOVE FOR US IS HIS VICTORY IN US AND FOR US!**
- **HIS LOVE CANNOT BE OVERCOME. HIS LOVE SECURES OUR VICTORY**
- **THE HEART THAT BELIEVES MOVES MOUNTAINS**

II. HOW LIVING OUR FAITH GROWS OUR AUTHORITY

Eph. 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

A. STANDING IN HIS ARMOR MEANS TO STAND CLOTHED IN HIM

1. **INTIMACY AND ONENESS - *we are complete in Him*** Col. 2:9-10
2. **ONENESS TEACHES US HUMILITY - *We see our limits and His limitlessness more clearly.***
3. **HUMILITY LEADS US TO SUBMISSION -** The most logical conclusion to humility is submission - *Praoos - meekness is strength under control. Stallion*
4. **SUBMISSION CREATES VALUE FOR OBEDIENCE - *Because we don't submit from fear but from love, our obedience is a gift we gladly give***
5. **BEYOND OBEDIENCE IS CONSECRATION - *These are all the things we give Him because we love Him, not because He requires it.***
 - **All these things cultivate in us a heart that *SIMPLY BELIEVES GOD***
 - **As we stand completely in Christ we can speak in His Name with His power and His authority**
 - **His authority is in His person.** He releases it through spoken word, ac

of love, kindness and truth.

- **Through his death and resurrection He secured this authority for us.**

B. WHAT MORE AUTHORITY LOOKS LIKE

- 1. IT IS AUTHORITY TO BECOME SONS AND ACT LIKE SONS**
- 2. IT IS AUTHORITY FOR HEALING**
- 3. IT IS AUTHORITY FOR DELIVERANCE**
- 4. IT IS AUTHORITY FOR MIRACLES**
- 5. IT IS AUTHORITY OVER DEATH**
- 6. IT IS AUTHORITY TO RELEASE LIFE**
- 7. IT IS AUTHORITY TO GOVERN**
- 8. IT IS AUTHORITY TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST AND LIVE IN CHRIST**

III. AUTHORITY AND FAITH GROW TOGETHER

Matt. 8:8 *The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.”*⁹ *For I also am **a man under authority**, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, “Go,” and he goes; and to another, “Come,” and he comes; and to my servant, “Do this,” and he does it.”*

13 *Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and **as you have believed, so let it be done for you.**” And his servant was healed that same hour.*

Words spoken from a life rightly armored by the person and authority of Christ releases power to command in His name

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