

FAITH & AUTHORITY

Believing You Have Authority

Foundation: *We need to develop our faith that we have authority and see ourselves as having authority.*

Believing you have authority is imperative in your ability to exercise your authority. If you are unsure and not fully persuaded that you have authority it will affect your effectiveness in exercising your authority. Many people don't believe that what they say will come to pass-Mark 11:23

I. **There is an authority given to the believer that most believers have no idea that they have**

A. Mark 11-Jesus walked in authority and he is our example and we can walk in authority like he did

1. The time of figs was not yet – Jesus is a king ruling and reigning and that tree was trying to rule and reign over him and tell him what he could and couldn't have and Jesus was giving them a revelation when you are a king you are not subject to the tree, the tree is subject to you
 - a. **Don't let life tell you how it's going to be you tell life how it's going to be**
 - b. You're not supposed to be subject to life, life is supposed to be subject to you
2. Jesus spoke to a tree and it listened --- We see Jesus operating in the dominion mandate that Adam was to operate in before the fall
 - a. Genesis 1:26-28-Adam was to have dominion over all the Earth and we see Jesus operating like this
 - b. Psalm 8:6-God made man to have dominion over the works of his hands
 - c. Jesus spoke to wind, to waves, to the storm, to fevers, to demons, to the fish and the loaves, to a tree and when he spoke and exercised his authority these things listened
3. We Jesus spoke to the tree it didn't immediately change; it was 24 hours before it changed
 - a. He believed what he said would come to pass so when he spoke and it didn't change immediately that didn't bother him a bit because in his heart he knew, "I believe what I say comes to pass."
 - b. In his mind what he said concerning that tree became the truth regarding that tree; So much so that when they passed the tree Peter had to call it to Jesus' attention that the tree was dried up from the roots; Jesus wasn't looking to see if what he said came to pass; he was done with that tree because he already spoke
4. Jesus immediately went to teaching them how to do what he did to that tree
 - a. He didn't tell them not to try it or that they couldn't do it and only he could because he's Jesus; through his instruction he was revealing to them that they could do it to – John 14:12
 - b. Matthew 21:20-21-Jesus told them that they could do it do
5. One of the major keys to exercising your authority is faith; faith and authority go together

- a. You have to believe, not just what God says, not just that God can, not that God will, but you have to believe that what **YOU SAY** will come to pass

II. Many believers have the mindset that God has all the authority and that they don't have any and that's why they are praying instead of saying; The reality of their authority and dominion is not a revelation to them

- A. There's absolutely nothing wrong about talking, singing, or thinking about how big God is, but there is something wrong with it, when you do it from a self-image that says you are nothing and have no authority
 - 1. Romans 5:17-We are supposed to be reigning in life as a result of what Jesus did
 - a. Reigning in life is reigning right now; so believe we'll reign after we get to Heaven
 - b. We haven't seen ourselves as reigning kings
 - 1) Revelation 1:5-6-We are kings unto God
 - a) When people says Jesus is the king of kings they think of somebody else being those kings
 - 2) Revelation 5:9, 22:5-We shall reign on the Earth
 - 2. Ecclesiastes 8:4-Where the word of the King is there is power
 - a. Job 22:23-28-Decree a thing and it shall be established
 - B. Mark 11:23-You have the authority to cast the mountain in the sea and you will have whatsoever **YOU SAY and** the mountain is **OBEYING YOU**
 - 1. Jesus says verily when talking about your authority because it's beyond human comprehension
 - 2. Saying to the mountain is not praying to God
 - 3. When it comes to exercising your authority it's not just saying that's important it's saying **and** believing
 - a. Faith is always required in exercising authority and you see that in more verses
 - 4. What must you believe: You must believe that what you say will come to pass
 - a. If you believe that what you say will come to pass then you believe you have authority and the thing you're speaking to you, you have authority over
 - b. **I believe I have authority, I believe my words have power & I believe what I say will come to pass**
 - 5. Satan wants you to believe you words have no power and you have no authority – Why?
 - a. If so you'll just say anything and think it doesn't matter and he'll use your words to condemn you
 - b. If so you'll never exercise your authority effectively because you'll never say to the mountain because you don't think your words have any power
 - C. Matthew 21:19-21-Jesus taught them that they could do what he did, that they could exercise their authority the way that he exercised his authority; This verse is filled with "ye's" and he's saying that ye can do it like just like me

1. Why is Jesus talking to a tree and telling it to do something? He believes that he has authority over it
 - a. When all you spend time doing is praying to God and you never do anything saying it's because you believe God has all the authority and you don't believe that you have any
2. Jesus is talking to an "IT" --- To exercise your authority over "ITS" you have to talk to "ITS"
3. The disciples marveled, but Jesus didn't marvel and he didn't marvel because he believed that what he said would come to pass and that's a big reason why what he said came to pass
 - a. Exercising your authority is conditional based on your faith and the faith you have to have when it comes to exercising your authority is the faith that you have authority and faith that what you say comes to pass

D. Luke 17:6- "**IT'S**" will obey YOU

1. The tree will **OBEY YOU** (He didn't say anything about the tree obeying him)
2. We see faith and authority together again (You have to believe that you have authority in such a way that you believe that what you say will come to pass)
3. We see the exercising of that authority by saying to a tree (not praying to God)

E. Matthew 17:18-20-Nothing will be impossible **TO YOU**

1. 17-They tried to exercise their authority, but they were not effective in exercising their authority
 - a. Jesus didn't say, *"Well boys sometimes that happens you know because God is sovereign, He's in control, His ways are mysterious and it's not going to work every time you do it so He just must have put this on this boy in his sovereignty."*
 - b. To exercise your authority and not have it be effective is not right
2. 17-Jesus attributed their lack of effectiveness in exercising their authority to their lack of faith
 - a. Jesus corrected them right there in front of everybody
 - b. The faith that you have to have is the faith that you have authority and the faith that what you say will come to pass because you have authority-Mark 11:23
 - c. Lack of faith isn't the only thing that effects your authority, but is one thing that can effect it
3. 15-Sometimes when a problem looks big it can affect our faith that what we say will come to pass (This boy is having bad symptoms and that spirit started acted up around Jesus-Mark 9:20)
 - a. They're seeing this boy have seizures and in bad shape and obviously it affected their faith
 - 1) It's possible that they spoke to other "smaller" things and believed, but when this got in front of them it effected their faith and filled them with doubt
 - 2) When stuff starts to acting never back off of your authority (boo tactic to affect your faith)
 - 3) What Jesus say did not affect his faith
 - b. **Jesus didn't say you had to do it (the father does the works) he said you have to believe that what you say will come to pass-John 14:10, Mark 11:23**

- 1) **Why can you believe what you say comes to pass? Because the Father told me to say it*****
4. **20-They didn't believe they had this kind of authority**
 - a. They spoke and tried to exercise their authority, but they did it not believing (we can do the same)
 - 1) There's a difference in speaking to see it if happens and speaking expecting it to happen
 - 2) **To exercise your authority effectively it's imperative that you believe that you have authority (in such a way that you believe what you say will come to pass)**
 - b. You can tell by what Jesus said, that they didn't believe they had that much authority to cast this type of devil out
 - 1) He points to a mustard seed which is a thing that starts off small and grows great; He says to them even though you lacked faith this time faith like a mustard seed can start off small and grow great through prayer and fasting
 5. 18-He didn't pray to God and ask God to do it; He had already prayed and knew what to do
 - a. Jesus is doing in V18 what he taught them to do in V20
 - b. **21-Praying is for communicating to God; Saying is for exercising your authority over the devil**
 - 1) Praying is for finding out the plan of God, the will of God, so you know what you should be saying; if you don't pray you don't know what to say
 - 2) We see the exercising of the authority by speaking words to a mountain (not praying to God)
- F. Matthew 16:19-You have the power and authority of the Kingdom of Heaven
1. Jesus says I will give you the **KEYS**-authority and power of the Kingdom of Heaven
 - a. Jesus is delegating authority
 - b. Matthew 28:18, Mark 16:15-I am to go in his name, in his authority and he's going with me
 - 1) He didn't say anything about I'm sovereign and you're insignificant so sit back and watch me
 - 2) He didn't say I'll preach, I'll cast out the devil, I'll lay hands on the sick and you go with me
 - c. If you have really do have the authority of the name of Jesus then anything Jesus could do you can do-Philippians 2
 2. You are going to do the binding and loosing on the Earth because you have the authority
 - a. Jesus didn't say anything about him doing the bind and loosing; He did not say if you beg and ask God to bind/loose it, then he will bind/loose it
 - b. When you go to binding and loosing you better believe that you have authority and that what you say comes to pass
 3. In your life Heaven will allow what you will allow (Why did you allow it? You have the authority)

- a. Heaven gets it's instructions for what to do in your life, from you; if you do nothing Heaven has nothing to do
 - b. If debt is running ramped in your life and you don't bind it then Heaven will allow what you allow
 - c. It does not say whatever God wants bound on the Earth will be bound no matter what you do
 - d. Wicked stuff is running ramped in the lives of many people because rather than exercising their God-given authority and binding it, they're praying and asking God to do something about it
 - e. Anything that comes to alter or oppose God's will for your life you have the right and the authority to stop its operation and heaven will back you-Matthew 16:19
4. Mark 4:38-Rather than exercising their authority they accused Jesus of not caring about them **(But the storm was not bound by Heaven until somebody bound it on the Earth)**
- a. Believers are doing the same thing today; I don't know why God won't do this or hasn't done this, accusing him of not caring rather than exercising the authority YOU have
- G. **You cannot ask God in prayer to do something that He has authorized you to do in His Word; You cannot ask God in prayer to make you be something that He authorized you to be in His Word**
- 1. You can tell believers don't believe they have authority because many times when they are praying to God when they should be saying to the devil, the problem, the situation
 - 2. 2 Chronicles 7:14-There's been this idea that if we throw a big enough prayer fit God will do something
 - a. We've been famous for trying to operate OT principles as NT believers who have authority that they didn't have in the OT and it keeps us in low place with no authority (Maybe if we just cry out to God long enough he'll do something)
 - 3. For many Christians, Christianity has become the practice of asking and begging God to do everything while they do nothing and that's not Christianity because a Christian is one like Christ and Christ Jesus didn't function like that
 - a. When they came to Jesus to do something that he authorized them to do it was met with a rebuke, with correction, not with "Good job boys."
 - b. They were supposed to carry out, "Let us pass over to the other side," and they didn't do it; they were equipped with everything necessary to do it, but they didn't do it
 - 4. **How do you exercise authority? You don't pray and ask God to do something. You find out what His will is and then you appropriate that with your faith. Our prayer time should be more about Lord what do you want and what do I need to do NOT Lord do something.**

III. People who believe they have authority

- A. Talk to its
 - 1. Mark 11:12-He talked to a tree
 - 2. Mark 4:35-He talked to wind and see

3. Luke 4:39-He talked to a fever
4. John 11-He talked to a dead man
5. Matthew 14-He talked to fish and loaves

B. The say to the mountain instead of just praying to God

1. Matthew 8:16-With his word he cast out spirits and healed the sick (whose word was it)
2. Luke 4:35-The demoniac in the temple Jesus said shut up and come out
3. Matthew 8:1-To the leper Be thou clean
4. Matthew 9:1-To the guy on the stretcher Arise take up your bed and go to your house
5. John 5:1-To the guy at the pool of Bethesda Rise, take up your bed, and walk
6. Matthew 12:9-To the man with the withered hand, "Stretch forth your hand"
7. Luke 7:14-To the widow's son, "Young man, I say unto you, Arise."
8. Mark 5:1-The man who had an evil spirit who had been bound with chains but broke them and dwelt among the tombs, Jesus said, "Come out of that man you unclean spirit," "Go"
9. Luke 8:54-To Jairus' daughter, "Maid arise."
10. Mark 7:33-There was a guy who was deaf and dumb and Jesus put his fingers in his ears, spit, touched his tongue and said, "Be opened."
11. Matthew 17:18, Mark 9:25-The man with the sick child Jesus rebuked the devil and said, "Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge you to come out of him and enter no more into him."
12. Luke 13:10-Woman with the infirmity, "Woman thou art loosed from your infirmity."

C. Believe that what they say will come to pass

1. Luke 5:9
2. Mark 7:32
3. Matthew 21:20