

FAITH & AUTHORITY

Authority That Works

Foundation Statement: How do we exercise our authority effectively every time? The key to exercising your authority effectively is not intense effort, but rather precise obedience

I. 2 Corinthians 5:17-21-Ambassador ministry-We have authority because we've been sent by Jesus

- A. We are ambassadors **FOR** Christ-We are not from the Earth, We've been sent by our King, We are His official representatives, We represent his power and authority and we are here to carry out his will
 - 1. There is a revelation of our authority and how to operate in it effectively that lies inside the revelation that we are Jesus' ambassadors
- B. The Kingdom Process for authority goes like this: The Father shows me by His Spirit what to do and say and I do and say EXACTLY what He shows me and the Father in me does the works
 - 1. Anything said or done that originates with you Heaven is not required to back and support
- C. To be sent of God is to have his backing and that's what gives you authority
 - 1. Authority is all about the backing; Take away the backing and you become a zero
 - 2. There's something about knowing that you have been sent that sparks a revelation of your authority
 - a. EX: Kenneth Copeland getting that lady out of that insane asylum
 - b. EX: Nervousness tried to come on me the first time I agreed to preach
 - 3. When you get the revelation that you've been sent it unlocks your authority-
Jdg6:12,1Sam17:45,Ex3:12
 - 4. Romans 8:31-It's give new meaning to If God be for us, who can be against us?
- D. 10 Ambassador Revelations that will help you to unlock your authority as a believer (See Last outline)
 - 1. **Words of Jesus**-*You know where I am from: and I am not come on my own authority and of my own accord and as self-appointed. I come from God's very presence and it was He who personally sent me. For I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. He that sent me is with me. I came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him that sent me. I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world only those things that I have heard of him. I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. The Father has not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. I must work the works of him that sent me. My fulfillment is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. I have never spoken of myself or on my own authority or of my own accord or as self-appointed. The Father who has sent me has given me orders concerning what to say. And I know that his commandment is eternal life. So whatever I speak, I am saying exactly what my Father has told me to say and in accordance with His instructions. My doctrine is not mine, but*

his that sent me. The word that you hear is not mine, but the Father's that sent me. The son can do nothing of himself but he is able to do only what he sees the Father doing. I am able to do nothing of myself, but only as I am taught by God and as I get orders. Even as I here I judge, I decide the way I'm told to decide. As the voice comes to me so I give a decision. And my decisions are right for I am not alone in making them. He that sees me sees him that sent me. The living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father.

2. **#1**-I'm not here by my own plan, I have been sent **#2**-The one who sent me is with me **#3**-I am not here to do my will, but the will of the one who sent me **#4**-The one who sent me will only back me and support me in what he has sent me to do **#5**: I MUST works the works of him that sent me **#6**: Fulfillment in life comes from doing only what the Father shows you to do and saying only what the Father tells you to say because that's when you are effective and that's when you get results **#7**: Whatever I do and say I have to get it from the one who sent me first **#8**: I have to be able communicate with the one who sent me. I have to be proficient at seeking him, hearing him, and seeing what he's showing me **#9**: When you see me you see the one who sent me **#10**: I live by the One who sent me

II. John 5:30-Jesus tells us why when he exercised his authority it worked every time

- A. This whole chapter is Jesus revealing to them why and how he did this work with this man at the pool of Bethesda, why he has authority, and why that authority works
 1. This whole fuss in chapter 5 by the religious people is over Jesus exercising authority given to him by the Father and having that authority work
 2. Jesus told this guy who was oppressed for 38 years to, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk. "They are mad because Jesus exercised his authority and it worked. Jesus is responding to their anger.
- B. 17-Jesus said I must be at divine work
 1. He's begins to explain why this happened because they are mad that it happened
 2. He starts off by saying this was a co-laboring of me and my Father and this was my Father's work
- C. 19-The son can do nothing of himself
 1. Their problem wasn't with Jesus it was with the Father who showed Jesus to do that (at the pool), told Jesus what to say and then backed Jesus when he did it
 - a. He's saying, "I can't do anything apart from God."
 - b. He's saying, "I did this on the Sabbath because God showed me to."
 2. Jesus is telling them this wasn't my idea, this was something God-ordained and showed me to do
 - a. 20-It you're upset about this, you're going to be even more upset because greater stuff is coming
- D. 21-22-Jesus begins to reveal that he has authority
 1. 21-Jesus restores to life whomsoever the Father wills

- a. The same way the Father raises up the dead and restores to life the Son does to as the Father wills; The son can quicken the same way the Father can as the Father wills
- b. He has the authority and power to restore to life, but only as the Father wills
- 2. 22-The Father committed all judgment to the Son
 - a. John 5:8-"Rise, take up your bed and walk." --- That's Jesus judging, ruling, decreeing, governing
 - b. God has committed the ruling and reigning on the Earth into Jesus' hands
 - c. God's doing the ruling and decreeing and governing through Jesus
- 3. 24-Jesus is saying I have authority to decree, to rule, to govern given to me by my Father
 - a. When the judge gives the sentence you not only have to believe his words you have to believe in the authority of the one who sent the judge and gave him authority
 - 1) EX: In court you believe the Judge's words and you believe on the government that sent him
 - b. So if Jesus says, "Rise, take up your bed and walk" and the guy the believes the authority of those words because he believes on the one who sent me he's going to pass from death to life because my words are spirit and they are life-John 6:63
 - c. This verse happened to this guy who had been sick for 38 years; When you hear Jesus' words and believe what he says zoe works in your life
- E. ***26-27-He's exercising authority given to him by the Father concerning judgment in the final day, but the principles of exercising authority are the same whether it is to exercise judgment in the final day or to exercise authority over a situation in the Earth***
 - 1. In verse 26 the life is the might and in verse 27 the authority is the right
 - 2. The same things that made Jesus' authority work are the same things that will make my authority work; we got that authority from the same God and it's the same authority
- F. 30-The effectiveness of Jesus' authority
 - 1. Jesus said I have no ability to do anything of myself
 - a. 27-Even though the Father had given him authority to do this, Jesus knew he couldn't do it of himself; Just because God has given us authority doesn't mean that we can do it of ourselves
 - b. 21,22,26-In these verses Jesus is revealing to them the level of authority and power given to him by the Father that the Father has committed all judgment (ruling, decreeing) into his hands and that He has zoe in himself and he quickens whomsoever he wills and even with all that given to him Jesus tells us in verse 30 that if he doesn't do what he's told his authority won't work
 - c. 30-He's teaching us in verse 30 how to exercise the authority given to him in verse 27 effectively
 - 2. Jesus said I rule and decree and govern and pronounce judgment **only as I hear**
 - a. Job 22:28, Ecclesiastes 8:4-When you're exercising authority you're ruling and decreeing by saying and you do that based on what you hear

- b. Jesus said he is only able to do as He is taught by God and as He gets orders
 - 1) Whatever he hears he does and decrees
 - 2) He decides as he is told to decide
- 3. Jesus said My ruling and decreeing is faultless because I do what the Father has told me to do
 - a. If you say exactly what God tells you to say you will effectively exercise your authority every time
 - b. **Mark11:23-You can believe that what you say will come to pass b/c you got the words to say from the Father**
- 4. When you're sent it's imperative that you seek the will of the one who sent you; If you seek the will of God who sent you and do what God wants you to do then he that sent you will back what you do and you're ruling and reigning will be faultless
 - a. **Our big problem is that we don't seek the will of the one who sent us we just do what we want**

G. 31-If Jesus were to do anything of himself he says it would be invalid and not worth anything

- 1. **Anything you do of yourself is nothing-1 Corinthians 13:1-3**
- 2. 36-The Father GAVE him the works to do and he did exactly what He was told to do
 - a. The works bear witness that the Father has sent you because they are proof the Father backs you
- 3. 43-He came in the Father's name so to see the power of that name work He has to do exactly what the Father tells him to do and say exactly what the Father tells him to say

III. The people who God uses, the people who God works through in a mighty way, the people who walk in great authority are the ones that look to him, hear from him and do exactly what He tells them to do

- A. You do have authority; you have Heaven's authority and you'll see that authority work if you'll do what Heaven says
 - 1. The Kingdom Process Of Authority-The Father shows me what to do and say by His Spirit, I do it and say it, the Father in me does the works
 - 2. It's not Jesus picking what he would do and say and the Father doing the works or Jesus saying a bunch of stuff and just hoping the Father blesses some of it
 - 3. Do you know whom God is going to work through in a boundless way? The people that will do exactly what they are told. We like to assume we are these people and most are not.
- B. Moses was used of God and walked in authority because he did what he was told
 - 1. Exodus 14:12-Moses walked in great authority
 - a. 15-Crying unto God isn't going to do anything to help in this situation
 - 1) Moses had been authorized to lead the people out of Egypt and into the promise land so there's no need for him to cry to God to something

- 2) Once you've been authorized crying to God is unacceptable; To many that's Christianity in a nutshell, crying to God to get Him to do something that He authorized them to do
- b. 16-God told Moses to divide the sea; This authorized Moses to do it
- c. 21-Moses walked in authority because he did exactly what he was told
 - 1) **Did you notice God didn't do any work until somebody did exactly what he said**
- d. 26-For the water to cover the Egyptians God told Moses to stretch his hand over the sea and then Moses did exactly what he was told and the Father did the work
2. Numbers 12:3-Moses walked in that authority because he was meek; he looked to God and did what he was told (Meek-Yielding, Submissive, Humble)
3. Numbers 20:1-Moses lost his authority because he didn't do exactly what he was told
 - a. 6-This is why Moses walked in great authority---He looked to God
 - b. 8-The instructions were to take the rod, gather the people and speak to the rock
 - 1) 10-The orders didn't say anything about speaking to the people
 - 2) 11-The orders didn't say anything about hitting the rock
 - c. 12-Moses lost his authority to take them into the promise land---Doing exactly what you are told is big in the eyes of God
 - 1) *MSG-Because you didn't trust me, didn't treat me with Holy reverence in front of the people of Israel, you to aren't going to lead this company into the land that I am giving them.*
 - 2) The issue wasn't his anger, the issue is he didn't do what he was told
 - d. **When you don't do what you are told and say what you are told it shows the Father that you can't be trusted with great assignments, greater authority, great anointing**