



# AUTHORITY

WALK LIKE JESUS WALKED

# delegated authority

Matthew 10

Luke 10

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- Authority is the God-given right and responsibility delegated to believers to act on God's behalf in spiritually ruling over His creation under the Lordship of Jesus.
- Authority is a personal right, given by status or delegation, to assert power whether in the human world or the spiritual realm.
- Authority is the believer's legal right to use the power of God to bring His Kingdom on Earth.

# Jesus won

- The cross is bigger than we can ever imagine.
  - It is not just about salvation, but about redeeming all creation (Rom. 8) and defeating the powers of darkness, reclaiming what Adam lost.
- Because Jesus has authority, Satan can try and try to stop the Kingdom from advancing, but he loses.
- If Jesus has authority, then He can give authority to whom He chooses.

# **matthew 10:1–10**

*And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.*

# **matthew 10:1–10**

*These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food.*

# **luke 10:1–12, 17-20**

*After this the Lord appointed seventy[-two] others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’*

# **luke 10:1–12, 17-20**

*And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.*

# **luke 10:1–12, 17-20**

*The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*

# delegating authority

- In Matthew 10 the first thing Jesus does when He gathers His 12 is He gives them authority.
  - Over unclean spirits to cast them out.
  - To heal every disease and affliction.
- He then tells them what to do with the authority.
  - Proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.
  - Heal the sick
  - Raise the dead
  - Cleanse lepers
  - Cast out demons

# delegating authority

- Jesus calls the 70 together and gives them marching orders.
  - Go to the towns before Jesus.
  - Heal the sick
  - Proclaim the Kingdom of God
- The 70 come back and rejoice that even the demons are subject to them in the name of Jesus.

# does this extend to us?

- Jesus puts the proclamation of the Kingdom of God into the hands of the apostles, His other followers and ultimately the Church.
- He tells them to take everything He taught them and teach others.
  - *Matthew 28:20: teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*"
- If He commanded His first followers, He's commanding me.

# more authority

- He gives even more spiritual authority over the enemy.
  - **Matthew 18:18–20:** *Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”*
- Binding and loosing language is spiritual warfare language.
  - Naked Bible Podcast ep. 329

# more authority

- John 20:21–23: *Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”*
- Acts 1:8: *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

# walk in authority

- Acts 3:6: *But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!”*
- Acts 9:34: *And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose.*
- How does Peter know how to pray:
  - Matthew 9:6: *But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins*—he then said to the paralytic—“Rise, pick up your bed and go home.”

# walk in authority

- Acts 9:40: *But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.”*
  - Mark 5:41: *Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”*
- Acts 5:16: *The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.*
  - Luke 6:19: *And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.*

# you are a partner

- Nothing changed from the first century to today.
- God wants to use His church to carry out His mission the way that Jesus carried out the mission.
- Jesus has given you authority. We need to learn to walk in it.
- Love drives authority.

# it is not about you

- Luke 10:17–20: *The seventy[-two] returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*

# it is not about you

- This is not simply Jesus recounting a historical event.
  - This is a warning.
- “Yes, the demons are subject to you because I gave you authority. But I saw pride overtake even the highest angel and he fell. Don’t let that happen to you.”
- “I have given you authority over snakes and scorpions, but your real joy comes from the Father!”

# authority

- Jesus has given us His authority, so we continue His mission to reveal the Kingdom of God.
- If we have the Spirit Jesus had and have been given the same authority Jesus was given, then we should expect to walk the same way Jesus walked.
- The one thing we cannot forget is that love drives authority.

# reflection

- Since Jesus has the power to delegate His authority to His followers, are you ready to walk in authority?
- How can you right on the right side of authority and not wander off into pride?