

Living in Freedom: Authority

Week 6

Overview: We are daughters of the most high, supreme being of this universe, GOD! What does that really mean? We are an heir to the throne and God has given us everything that is His.

The past five weeks have been building on each other and as God's truth becomes reality in our hearts, we will start walking in our authority naturally because we begin to see ourselves for who we really are. Knowing and demonstrating your authority will give you the power to live in freedom and stay there without anything holding you in bondage. The devil's number-one vice is deception, and his purpose is to make you believe that you are less than. However, Jesus died on the cross and He overcame anything that had any power over us. The more we press into the truth of Jesus' sacrifice and everything we inherited through His sacrifice, the more we will walk in freedom and victory.

The demonic will do everything in their power to keep the truth of authority from you. The enemy doesn't want you to know that all his tactics and forces are disarmed because they are under Jesus' feet. He trampled their power at the cross, which means we get to live in the victory He purchased for us. The problem is not many of us realize or believe this truth.

This week is an introduction into authority and how to use it. Note: This subject is huge and there is so much to know and understand so I encourage you to get resources and study it more in depth for yourself.

The devil can be very sneaky with his tactics to rob us of the abundant life God meant for us to have through Jesus. It's time that we, as followers of Jesus Christ, learn who we really are and take our rightful place as daughters of the Most High and reclaim our lives!

Because of Jesus

“Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.”

Ephesians 1:21-22 (NLT)

“You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.”

Colossians 2:10, 13-15 (NLT)

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV)

The Devil’s Only Tool is Deception

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. During that time the devil came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.” 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.’ ” Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’ ” Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the LORD your God.’ ” Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.” “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.’ ”

Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.”

Matthew 4:1-11 (NLT)

“Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God’s.”

Matthew 16:23 (NLT)

“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.”

1 Peter 5:7-8 (NLT)

Reclaim the Land in Your Life That You Rightfully Possess

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. Strangers will shepherd your flocks; foreigners will work your fields and vineyards. And you will be called priests of the Lord, you will be named ministers of our God. You will feed on the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.

Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours. “

Isaiah 61:1-7 (NIV)

Identify areas in our daily life where we can use our authority for the purpose of seeing God’s power at work and places we have allowed the enemy to gain territory:

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Below is an example of a spiritual warfare prayer to speak out. Use your bold mouth and proclaim your authority.

When you hear negative thoughts of hopelessness, depression, anxiety, worry, etc...
Boldly speak against the voice by declaring the truth from God's word for that area in the name of Jesus. You are more than a conqueror!

"Thank You, Father, that you restore hope and deliver me from all depression and anxiety. I take authority over any demonic spirits speaking words of depression, hopelessness and anxiety. I command them to leave in the name of Jesus. I ask the Holy Spirit to fill me with hope and peace in my inner being. I receive that from you today, Amen."

**Homework/Quiet Time:
Practice Listening to the Holy Spirit**

Pray this prayer aloud before beginning this Holy Spirit prayer time.

Father, I come to You today offering everything of myself before You. I want You to mold me into everything You are. Help me to quiet myself in Your presence so that I may hear You clearly. Thank You that I am Your sheep and I hear my Shepherd's voice (John 10:27) and I know that voice. Holy Spirit, please quiet any voice of the demonic that may try to interfere in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You for Your pure and perfect love for me.

1) God, please show me the areas in my life in which I have allowed the enemy to claim territory. I submit myself and these areas to You and ask You to give me more revelation of the authority Jesus died for me to have and help me to walk in it.

2) What would like to see change about each of these areas? (Be specific)
