



I Give You Authority – The Believer’s Authority
Sermon Notes, Sermon Outline and Small Group Study Guide

**Sermon Outline: I Give You Authority
(The Believer’s Authority)
January 26, 2025**

Today, is Supernatural Sunday. We intentionally preach a simple message that encourages our faith to believe God for demonstrations of His power and then we minister towards that end.

We wish to address the topic of spiritual authority and specifically consider: Do believer’s today have the same spiritual authority over the devil and demons, as the apostles and the Early Church? And a brief on how do we exercise this authority?

THE LORD JESUS WALKED IN SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY OVER SATAN AND DEMONS.

In His earthly ministry we observe that the Lord Jesus walked in complete authority over satan and his demons. He set people free from demonic oppression and demonic possession. We see this recorded through out the Gospels.

Matthew 4:24

Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

Matthew 8:16

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,

THE LORD JESUS DELEGATED THIS AUTHORITY TO HIS DISCIPLES.

We also notice that the Lord Jesus during His earthly ministry delegated spiritual authority to His disciples. They exercised this same spiritual authority over demonic powers.

Matthew 10:1,7-8

1 And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

7 And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.



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Now some may say that this kind of authority was given only to the apostles and so we cannot and should not expect to exercise supernatural power and authority over satan and demons. **But, we can observe clearly that this authority was in His name, not in the “role” of apostleship.**

Consider that Luke records seventy other people sent out by the Lord Jesus to minister in His name in other places (Luke 10:1). These seventy experienced the same results as the 12 apostles:

Luke 10:17-19

17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

In fact, Mark records an instance of an unnamed person, who believed and was working miracles in the name of Jesus:

Mark 9:38-39

38 Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us."

39 But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me.

This proves to us conclusively, that delegated spiritual authority to heal, work miracles, cast out demons, is not tied exclusively to the role of apostleship, but to the authority of Jesus name.

#1, OUR AUTHORITY IS IN THE NAME OF JESUS AND OUR RIGHT TO USE HIS NAME.

The Lord Jesus has given all of us the right to use His name.

Mark 16:17-18

17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.



We also recognize that the Lord Jesus exercise spiritual authority through the power of the Holy Spirit. And this becomes the second basis of our spiritual authority over satan and demons.

#2, OUR AUTHORITY IS THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO IS WITH US.

Consider what we read about the ministry of Jesus:

Matthew 12:28

But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Acts 10:38

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

As believers we have the same Holy Spirit dwelling within us and resting upon us. That is why we boldly say 'greater is He who is in us, than he who is in the world' (1 John 4:4).

The third basis for our spiritual authority in the triumph of the Cross.

#3, OUR AUTHORITY OVER SATAN AND DEMONS IS BECAUSE OF THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS.

Christ triumphed over satan, crushed him and disarmed Him on the Cross.

The cross is for all believers! All of us can live in and enjoy the full provisions of the Cross.

Colossians 2:14-15

14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

The fourth basis of our spiritual authority over satan and demons is our place in Christ. All believers are in Christ and we are seated with Him in a place of spiritual authority.



#4, CHRIST HAS RAISED ALL OF US TO SIT AT HIS RIGHT HAND IN A PLACE OF AUTHORITY.

We are seated in a place of spiritual authority.

Ephesians 2:4-6

**4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,**

All of us as believers have spiritual authority over satan, demons and their evil works. The thief comes to steal, kill and destroy (John 10:10). We have authority over satan's destructive works.

WE EXERCISE OUR SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY BY SPEAKING WORDS OF COMMAND IN FAITH.

Matthew 17:19-21

**19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"
20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.
21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."**

We must exercise our authority with faith and boldness. Prayer and fasting helps deal with unbelief and helps us stay in a place of faith, where necessary.

SUMMARY

Basis for our authority:
The name of Jesus
The power of the Holy Spirit
The triumph of the Cross
Our position of authority seated with Christ

Speak words of authority with faith and boldness.



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GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. **Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group.** All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *Luke 10:17-19; Mark 16:17-18; Matthew 12:28; Colossians 2:14-15; Ephesians 2:4-6*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

*#1, Discuss the basis of the believer’s spiritual authority as addressed in this sermon:
The name of Jesus*



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*The power of the Holy Spirit
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#2, Why do we sometimes hesitate to exercise our spiritual authority? Why do we tend to relegate this to the role of ‘apostles’ or ‘pastors’ and not walk in it ourselves as believers?

#3, We exercise our spiritual authority by speaking words of command boldly in faith. Consider real-life scenarios and how you would do this.

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

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WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

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SERMON OUTLINE

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KEYWORDS

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