

Walking in Authority Sunday June 29, 2025 - Sermon Outline

Today, we look at an important part of our walk as believers: Walking in Authority, specifically walking in spiritual authority.

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

Example of the traffic police.

We understand authority in the natural realm. A classic example is that of the traffic police. The individual policeman has authority delegated to him by the local government. He has been authorized to do certain things. The traffic policeman gets into his uniform, carries along other tools given to him by the local government. When he raises his hand to stop traffic, he personally does not have the physical strength to stop the vehicles. But drivers recognize his authority and stop. The policeman is exercising his authority. Of course, if the policeman is negligent, he could simply ignore traffic conditions, and not exercise his authority, and things could be difficult sometimes disastrous for those on the road.

We could draw some parallels, to help us understand spiritual authority, that every believer in Jesus has been given. We are going to explore and learn a few insights on the believer's spiritual authority.

Let's begin by considering how the Lord Jesus walked on the earth during His earthly ministry:

THE LORD JESUS DEMONSTRATED AUTHORITY OVER NATURAL SITUATIONS, DEMONS, DISEASE AND DEATH

He spoke to winds and waves, and they obeyed. He commanded sickness to leave, and it left. He commanded demons to leave, and they left. He commanded the dead to rise, and they did.

THE LORD JESUS COMMISSIONED HIS DISCIPLES TO WALK IN AUTHORITY

What is interesting is that the Lord Jesus delegated spiritual authority to His disciples and commissioned them to walk in that authority:

The Twelve



Matthew 10:1

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.

The word "power" is the Greek word "exousia" which refers to delegated authority, license, power to act, right to influence.

Another Seventy

The Lord Jesus extended this same spiritual authority to another 70 of His followers. This indicates to us that spiritual authority was not limited to just the 12 apostles, but to all His followers, who believed:

Luke 10:1,17-19

1 After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.

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 (exousia) to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (dunamis) of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Let us highlight a few additional things here:

For vs 17 we learn that this delegated authority is exercised through the name of Jesus. They said "in your name".

In verse 18, the Lord Jesus referred to the time in the dateless past (eternity past) when satan and some of the angels he deceived were thrown out of heaven for their rebellion.

In vs 19, we get further understanding of the authority Jesus has given to us His followers.

A, The authority we have puts us in a place of absolute mastery over demonic powers - trample on serpents and scorpions.

B, The authority (Greek "exousia") we have is over all the power (a different Greek work "dunamis" meaning strength, ability) of the enemy.



C, There is nothing satan or demons can do to hurt / harm us. So we can be bold and fearless in exercising our authority over satan and his demons.

The authority given to the early disciples continues on through the Church.

AS BELIEVERS WE HAVE SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

When the Lord Jesus described the Church (assembly of believers) He would raise up – He described us in terms of the authority we would exercise:

Matthew 16:18-19

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

The first characteristic of the Church that Jesus is building ("I will build My church"), is that the Church will have dominion over the "gates of hell". The powers of hell cannot stop, restrain or in any way prevail over the Church that Jesus is building.

The Church is authorized to exercise Kingdom authority ("keys of the Kingdom") here on earth, by binding (prohibiting, stopping) and loosing (permitting, allowing) on earth, what God has decreed in heaven.

WE ARE SEATED IN A PLACE OF AUTHORITY

God has done an amazing work in not only giving us the keys of the kingdom, but He has elevated us to a place of dominion in the Kingdom.

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,



Spiritually, as believers we are seated on the same throne that Jesus is sitting on, because we are seated with Christ and in Christ, in the heavenly realms. Satan and all his demonic forces are underneath every believer.

WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE RIGHT TO USE THE NAME OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus declared that every believer has been given 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 use the name of Jesus to cast our demons, work miracles and heal the sick.

In delegating to us the right to use His name, the Lord Jesus stated clearly that we will do the works He did and even greater works.

John 14:12-14

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

Look at these verses closely. The Lord Jesus indicates to us that we who believe in Him will do miraculous, supernatural works like Himself, and even greater because (A)He would ascend to the Father AND (B)we have the right to use His name to ask anything.

Ascending to the Father signifies that He completed the work on the Cross crushing the head of the serpent, He rose from the dead, defeating death, He is seated at the Father's right hand with all authority in heaven and earth vested in Him, and He has send the Holy Spirit to empower the Church here on earth.

Hence, we can boldly exercise our spiritual authority to the full capacity to do the works Jesus did and greater works, because the Lord Jesus has indeed ascended to the Father, and He has delegated us with the right to use His name. This gives us the right to fully represent Jesus, to do what He would do in any situation, if He were Himself present there.



WE EXERCISE OUR AUTHORITY BY SPEAKING WORDS OF COMMAND IN THE NAME OF JESUS WITH FAITH IN OUR HEARTS

One of the primary ways we exercise spiritual authority is to speak words of command in the name of Jesus with faith in our hearts.

We notice the Lord Jesus exercising authority through the words he spoke. Even the Roman Centurion who came to Jesus expressed this when he told Jesus "speak the word only and my servant will be healed". He recognized how authority is expressed or exercised through words of command.

Faith is important when we exercise spiritual authority (Matthew 17:19-21).

So, as we wrap up lets talk briefly on how we are going to apply this to our everyday lives:

SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY OVER SITUATIONS

We must make it a practice, a norm, that we will speak with authority over adverse situations that we face, following the example of Jesus.

Luke 8:24

And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm.

Follow the example of Jesus and speak to winds, waves, situations, etc.

When we face adverse situations – the winds and waves of life – we don't stand there helplessly as spectators or watch fearfully as our boat sinks – no we rise up with faith and authority, and speak to the winds and waves.

SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS AND DISEASE

Similarly, we exercise authority over demons and disease. Consider how Jesus did this:

Luke 4:35

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.



Luke 4:39

So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.

The Lord Jesus rebuked demons, he rebuked diseases. He spoke words of command and demons and diseases left. We learn to do the same.

USE THE SWORD OF THE WORD AND DECLARE WHAT THE BLOOD HAS DONE FOR YOU

Speaking the Word of God against the enemy and over situations is another way we exercise faith and authority. Remember, even the Lord Jesus did this when satan came with his temptations. Jesus just spoke the Word.

Ephesians 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

We also exercise our spiritual authority by declaring boldly what the blood of Jesus has done for us.

Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

HAVE NO FEAR

One final though, we must exercise our spiritual authority fearlessly. Be bold, absolutely confident, and fearless when exercising spiritual authority.

We submit to God and resist the devil and we have been assured he will flee from us (James 4:7).

Jesus assured us that the devil will not be able to harm us.

Luke 10:19

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.

John wrote that the devil cannot touch us.



1 John 5:18

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.



SUMMARY

The Lord Jesus demonstrated authority over natural situations, demons, disease and death The Lord Jesus commissioned His disciples to walk in authority As believers we have spiritual authority We are seated in a place of authority We have been given the right to use the name of Jesus We exercise our authority by speaking words of command in the name of Jesus with faith in our hearts Speak with authority over situations Speak with authority over demons and disease Use the sword of the word and declare what the blood has done for you Have no fear

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME Minister as the Spirit leads





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The 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: *Matthew 10:1-7-8; Luke 10:17-19; John 14:12-14; 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, How do we know that the Lord Jesus desires for all His followers to walk in spiritual authority, and that this was not something just for the 12 apostles?



2, Following Jesus example, discuss WHAT we have authority over, and HOW do we exercise our spiritual authority?

3, How should we understand the interplay, the interaction between God who is sovereign and God who has delegated authority to His people here on earth? Are we responsible for exercising the authority given to us (or is it just something we talk about and sit back and just leave everything to God)? What happens when believers do not exercise their God given spiritual authority over situations, demons and disease?

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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SERMON OUTLINE

In this sermon we take a look at the believer's spiritual authority – a familiar topic but good to revisit this. Some of the key insights we cover include: The Lord Jesus demonstrated authority over natural situations, demons, disease and death. The Lord Jesus commissioned His disciples to walk in authority. As believers we have spiritual authority. We are seated in a place of authority. We have been given the right to use the name of Jesus. We exercise our authority by speaking words of command in the name of Jesus with faith in our hearts. Speak with authority over situations. Speak with authority over demons and disease. Use the sword of the word and declare what the blood has done for you. Have no fear when exercising spiritual authority. This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.



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