

OUR AUTHORITY FROM GOD

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God's power is so magnificent, we may never see or understand the full extent of how awesome He is. Even those around the throne – the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures – they cry out “holy” and are in a continual state of awe and worship. They see Him face to face and they are still mesmerized by how awesome God is. It is hard to wrap our Earthly brains around how big God really is, and many of us really don't fully grasp the power God has given us. Paul said a prayer for believers in **Ephesians 1:17-19** (NKJV) “[17] *that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, [18] the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power...*”

In the past, the devil has convinced me that I had less authority in a situation that I actually did. Many of us have seen demons manifest and come out of people at church. Some of us are even on a deliverance team, and help facilitate deliverance for others. Even with all the information and experience that we have, sometimes the enemy is still able to convince us that there are just certain situations that we are helpless to change. That is a lie.

We must submit to our church leaders, our husbands, and our bosses at work. We cannot command demons to leave a place if they have been let in by someone in authority, but **we are never helpless in any situation.** When I began to see the truth in these areas, I began to trust God more, and my reactions to negative circumstances began to change. Sometimes, we can't change the immediate circumstances, but we can change our immediate atmosphere. Our prayers are heard in Heaven, and eventually we will see them manifest.

WE HAVE AUTHORITY OVER EVERY DEMON... ALL OF THEM!

Luke 10:17-20 (NKJV) “[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. [20] “Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”*”

Mark 16:17-18 (NKJV) [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.”*”

Joshua 1:1-6 (NKJV) *“After the death of Moses.... the LORD spoke to Joshua... saying [2] “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. [3] “Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses... [5] “No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. [6] “Be strong and of good courage...”*”

THE CHURCH WILL NOT BE STOPPED! GOD WINS!

Matthew 16:18-19 (NKJV) *“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.”*

Matthew 18:18-20 (NKJV) *“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. [19] “Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. [20] “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”*”

Our authority matters! The way we choose to exercise it here on Earth echoes in Heaven! Sometimes our circumstances are so overwhelming, we just need another believer to come along side us and stand in agreement with us.

HOW DID JESUS CAST DEMONS OUT?

In **Matthew 4**, each time Satan tempted Jesus in the desert, “*Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written,...*” and then He quoted the written word to Satan as a weapon. In **Luke 4:35** Jesus said, “Be quiet and come out of him!” In **Matthew 8:32**, Jesus said “Go!” and the legion of demons went into a herd of swine and ran off a cliff. In **Mark 5:8**, Jesus said, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” In **Mark 9:25** Jesus said, “You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again.” In **Matthew 8:16** Jesus drove out spirits with a “word” and healed all the sick. You don’t need holy water, a crucifix, candles, incense, or prayer beads. All you need is Faith and confidence in the authority God has given you.

DO THE DEMONS KNOW WHO YOU ARE?

Mark 1:34 (NKJV) “[34] Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and **He did not allow the demons to speak**, because they knew Him.”

Acts 19:11-16 (NKJV) “[11] Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, [12] so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them. [13] Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” [14] Also there were **seven sons of Sceva**, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. [15] And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but **who are you?**” [16] Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house **naked and wounded**.”

SOME DEMONS JUST DON'T WANT TO LEAVE!

Matthew 17:15 (NKJV) [15] “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. [16] “**So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.**” [17] Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” [18] And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. [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.**”

PRAYING SCRIPTURES AS WEAPONS OF WARFARE

How do you reword scriptures so you can pray them?

These scriptures have been reworded so you can pray them as they are your own.

John 10:10 “The enemy may try to steal, kill and destroy, but Jesus came that I may have life, and that I might have it more abundantly.”

Deut. 30:19 “Lord, I reject death and curses. I choose life and blessings, so that I and my seed shall live.”

Luke 9:1 “Lord I thank you that you have given me power and authority to drive out demons and to cure diseases.”

James 4:7 “Lord, I submit myself to you. Help me to resist the devil so that he will flee from me.”

Psalm 23:5 *“I thank you Lord that You prepare a table in the presence of my enemies. I thank you Lord that even in the midst of spiritual warfare, I can fellowship with you in intimacy.”*

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 even unto death.”*

Isaiah 61:1 *“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.”*

DELIVERANCE AND BINDING EVIL SPIRITS

Not everyone has the authority to cast out demons. This authority comes from an intimate relationship with Christ Jesus; not just knowing things “about God,” but actually having a one on one interaction with Him on a consistent basis.

These are just a few circumstances that STOP us from casting demons out of a person or home:

- The person does not intend on following God after deliverance (doesn't really want to be free or is not fully committed to the Lord in prayer and lifestyle).
- A praying wife wants her home prayed over, but her husband does not follow God and allows a door to be opened for demonic forces to reside in that home.

PROOF IN THE WORD!

Matthew 12:43-45 ⁴³ *“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. ⁴⁴ Then he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”*

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE VICTIM!

Any believer in Christ who knows how to operate in Christ's authority can command demons to get out of their personal space. You have the right to cast demons off of yourself for some of these purposes:

- To cast out infirmity spirits when you are sick.
- To cast out tormenting spirits when they invade your thoughts.
- To cast out demons who cause strongholds of sin in your life.

YOU ALWAYS HAVE AUTHORITY OVER YOURSELF AND YOUR CHILDREN!

If the conditions are right, and you believe you have authority in a situation to cast demons out, thus commanding them to leave, this is one example of how to word it.

“In the name of Jesus, I command the Spirit of _____ to go, to leave me, to get out of my life (my body, my house, my child, etc.). In the name of Jesus, I bind your works and your strategies from hindering me with _____ (fear, lust, anger, etc). I command you to go now, in Jesus' name! I plead the blood of Jesus over me, and I declare that greater is Christ in me than the devil who is in the world. Because I am a child of God, the evil one has no legal rights to me or my family.”

WHAT ABOUT MY CHILDREN IF MY HUSBAND IS NOT SAVED?

1 Corinthians 7:14 says “[14] For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.”

You have every right to pray over your children. Especially when they are small. As a child approaches their teen years, they come into the age of accountability. Eventually they transition from being under your spiritual covering to having to make choices on their own, regarding if they will serve God or not. If they are still under the age of accountability, you have every right to cast demons out of your own children. Even if you are a foster parent or adopt a child, that gives you legal spiritual grounds to take authority. However, once a child becomes old enough to willfully choose sin, you may not be able to cast the demons out unless they are in agreement. If the teen is willing to repent and make a commitment to follow the Lord, you can proceed with deliverance.

BINDING SPIRITS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE AUTHORITY TO EVICT...

If there is a person living with you that continues to allow evil spirits to be in your home, you cannot cast it out, but you can bind it.

The only way to permanently remove that demon is to ask them to leave your home, or to pray they will repent and turn to the Lord.

You cannot make a demon leave if there is a person in agreement with it allowing it to stay.

“In the name of Jesus, I bind the Spirit of _____ in this house/office/church. I command you to be still and to be silent. You have no legal right to me. In the name of Jesus, you cannot influence, torment, or affect me.”

When we walk into a new place, we do not have to allow demonic forces to influence. Jesus said we take authority wherever our feet tread! Don't put up with demons!

INTERCESSION BINDING FOR OTHERS!

If you are longing to see a change in a loved one or acquaintance, prayer can be very effective. Not only can you bind spirits from being able to effect you, but you can also bind demons from operating on or through those around you.

“In the name of Jesus, I bind the spirit of _____, and I command it not to operate on, around or through _____ (the person you are praying for). I prophecy complete healing and deliverance in this area. I trust you God that you will deliver them.”

Sometimes, things look worse before they get better. Just don't give up praying for your friends, family, and co-workers. We just have to be sure we are operating within our legal authority through Christ. But you don't have to just lay down and take whatever the enemy hands to you!

FASTING IS EFFECTIVE!

Matthew 6-16-18
Isaiah 58

A VICTORY ATTITUDE CHANGES EVERYTHING!

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (NKJV) “*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. [4] For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, [5] casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, [6] and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.*”

Isaiah 54:16-17 (NKJV) “Behold, I have created the blacksmith Who blows the coals in the fire, Who brings forth an instrument for his work; And I have created the spoiler to destroy. **No weapon formed against you shall prosper**, and every tongue (or accusation of the enemy) which rises against you in judgment, You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me,’ says the Lord.”

Proverbs 18:21 (NKJV) “[21] Death and life are in the **power of the tongue**, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NKJV) “[10] Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. [11] Put on the **whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] For **we do not wrestle against flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against **spiritual hosts** of wickedness in the heavenly places. [13] Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

The Full Armor of God – Galatians 6:10-24

Belt of Truth

Breastplate of Righteousness

Shoes of preparation of the Gospel of Peace

Shield of Faith to quench the fiery darts of the enemy

The helmet of salvation

The sword of the spirit which is the word of God.