

Intercession

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HANDOUT #2

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Who's In Charge?

Lk 11:21-22 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his' spoils."

Merriam-Webster defines "strongman" as one who leads or controls by force of will, force of character or by military methods.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

How do we recognize a strongman is even present?

- Power struggles -manipulation
- Confusion
- Contention - strife
- Feel defeated and weak in an area you've feel you've lost ruler ship over, authority striped away basically- feeling venerable and defenseless

How do we bind the strongman to take back what rightfully belongs us that Christ purchased? How is he defeated and stripped of power?

- Interceding
- Fasting
- Regaining our confidence and understanding in Christ- reclaiming our authority & power
- Applying the authority of God's Word through prayer
- Binding & loosening through Christ's authority
- Forbidding continued operation-stripping stolen or wrongful authority
- Asking God to take POWER over the situation – transferring power to the ultimate one in authority-Jesus. Place God at the center and in ruling power. Establishing God at the head.

Binding and Loosening

Mt 16:19; 18:18. "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."

- **Mk 11:23-24** "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea', and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."
- Use your words to forbid the demonic spirit from operating, in Jesus' name, and then ask the Holy Spirit to rule and reign instead.
- Stay persistent in prayer and eventually change will come. There is power in prayer. Never give up!
- It's power being reassigned to its proper place. Evil spirits have to be broken.
- To bind means simply to forbid by an indisputable authority. To loose means to permit by an indisputable authority. That indisputable authority is Christ's authority. Not negotiable!

Eph 6:12 “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

- We bind the strongman by making a specific command with our words in the name of Jesus. You forbid that spirit from operating and having control in whatever the location or situation is, and then ask the Lord to send His Holy Spirit to rule and reign instead.
- Many times it will take being consistent and persistent in prayer because often it doesn't happen overnight. Eventually power structures change and the strongman is dismantled.

Demonstrable Power of Prayer

- **Mk 1:21-29; Acts 10:38**
- **Phil 2:6-8; Mk 1:35; Lk 5:16 Jn 5:19; Mk 9:29**

Focus of Prayer Is God's Will

- **Lk 11:1; Mk 9:29** He taught us and the disciples how to pray. **Mat 6:9-10**.
- Elijah did the same when the Lord told him in **1 K 18** He was ending the drought. Elijah postured himself in prayer (vs 42) even though He knew God's will, he still prayed for it, anticipated it, and saw God bring His will on earth as it was in heaven.
- Much of earth has missed God's will and plan, His will is not being done on a lot of levels. Why? Because we're in charge.

Ps 115:16 “The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.”

The Fluctuating History of Power

Gen 1:28 (“Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth – subdue it.”) Adam and Eve gave their power and authority away God gave them by giving it to someone else – Satan. Satan ruled the earth until he met Jesus.

- Satan –prince of the earth **Jn 12:31** “Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.” **14:30** “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.”
- **Lk 4:6-7**. In the wilderness Jesus tempted by Satan Jesus did not negotiate with Satan, but took back earth's dominion from Satan by paying man's penalty for sin on the cross.
- Only a perfect man could strip Satan of his authority and restore it to mankind – which is God's original intent. **Rev 1:18** Christ took the keys from Satan, he has no keys, no authority any more.

When we encounter demonic resistance, then, we do not take no for an answer

In Christ, we hold the keys of authority He gained for us. Because of Christ, we now are in full charge of earth and we are endowed with all the spiritual resources we need to steward it. Our assignment is to bring forth God's will on earth as it is in heaven.

- God does not override our will and authority in earth's sphere. We are to invite God's will into the earth. **If we fail to do so, then God's will doesn't happen.**
- Too many are unaware of our spiritual authority
- When resisted or demonically attacked, they remain prayerless and passive, not recognizing the spiritual dimension behind what's happening
- Much of what is happening behind the scenes is spiritual. Too often we are only thinking and operating in physical earthly dimension and from a spiritual one, as a king or priest
- Change our mentality to Kingdom mentality, Kingdom motivation, and Kingdom authority

Mt 28: 18-19 “And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’”

- Keys symbolize authority, so if Satan has no keys, that means he has no authority.
- Christ gave us the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.

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Chp 4 Our Spiritual Authority

Lu 10:19-20 “I have given you authority to trample on snakes (Hebrew: nah-khash) and scorpions (Hebrew: ak’ra-beam) and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Nah-khash-snake: emblem of cunning & wisdom, sharpness of vision

Ak’ra-beam-scorpion: to pierce from its sting

We Are Meant to Overcome

Once we understand our spiritual authority we will overcome demonic spirits. We have been given all authority and empowerment by the Holy Spirit to do so. We have to take more spiritual aggression to our prayers over a situation. What we are doing is continuing an on-going authority shift in our situation, or city, etc., for the Kingdom of God. We are not to avoid demonic resistance, but rather learning to overcome it.

. We should be living as if the Kingdom we represent is our own? We belong to the KINGDOM of God.

- In our actions
- Our attitude
- Our service

We Have Been Given Authority

There is so much yet to learn. We don’t know it all. But, here are some key truths to help you grow in your authority and how to pray more effectively. As ambassadors, we have authority:

1. Authority Where We Have Overcome
 - a. (Rev. 2:26) When we have learned how to overcome something and have fought that spirit before, we will have more power to overcome when we face that same spirit again in another situation, or over a person life. You walk in a greater authority to pray against it. Overcoming means gaining mastery over something. It could be mastery over poverty, addiction, bad relationships, etc.
2. Authority For Tasks Assigned To Us
 - a. Another way spiritual authority works is that God gives a territorial mandate to a person. Such as a city, nation, or people. And the Holy Spirit authorizes that person for the task. (Acts 13:2; Gal 2:8) When assignments are given, the spirit realm recognizes a person authority in that place. The angel align to assist the authorized person as they carry out their assignment and the demonic realm recognizes that person as having specific authorization and reacts accordingly. (Acts 5:19; 12:7; 16:26) The demons knew Paul by name – (Acts 19:15) and recognized his authority.
3. Authority to Ask for More
 - a. Another way is to ask God for it. David received his authority in stages. First, he led military, then Judah, and finally Israel. (Ps 2:8) Spiritual authority comes in the form of opportunities. Stewarding those opportunities result in increase of opportunities. (Rom 12:3) Each given a measure or distribution of faith and a sphere of authority. (2 Cor 10:13) (Mt 25:14-30) When we steward what we have, God

increases it. Your sphere will grow as you are faithful with what is presented to you. God is a faithful rewarder.

4. Authority When Serving Spiritual Leaders

- a. Some of us may not have the same level or amount of spiritual authority as did Moses, David, Paul, or John; but when you partner from the heart with others who do, you can walk in their authority as you help them carry out their God given mandate. (Num 11:11-15) Know as – Anointing Transference. In the NT Paul’s spiritual son, Timothy, (2Tim 1:2) in Acts 16 Timothy shadowed Paul as he learned (2Tim 3:10-11). A measure of Pauls anointing and authority was given to Timothy by laying on of the hands (2Tim 1:6). Passing spiritual blessings – an act given the full backing of heaven. We can see this principle today at work. (Ep 4:11) *EXAMPLE – There are different kinds of prophets. Some prophets see the Word of the Lord in visions, trances and dreams and are referred as “Seers”. Others hear or perceive the Word of the Lord through impressions, the inner voice or audible voice. Those who are partnered with a leader’s anointing can likely experience a similar expression upon them – the anointing flows down from leaders to those who serve with them to enable them to run together.

5. We Are Invited to Exercise It

- a. We need to exercise the spiritual authority once we know/recognize what it is and how it was distributed to us. We need to be effective to bring God’s will on earth. How do we become effective? That authority is revealed in prayer and we learn by trial and error how to step into it. We will not walk in its fullness all the time. There are spiritual laws that govern our heaven-to-earth connection. We must grow in our knowledge and power to exercise them. Unanswered prayers are the result of not knowing or understanding spiritual laws that are tucked away in God’s Word and revealed to us in prayer. (Jam 5:16).

Some Spiritual Laws

1. **Pray the Will of God.** Ineffective prayers are prayed out of the will of God. Things authored by Satan are often credited to God out of ignorance. Jesus says in Jn 10:10 “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” A full and abundant life is the will of God.
2. **Pray In Faith.** Once you know the will of God and ask God for it, don’t reason why it won’t happen. Mk 11:24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” Believe God answered our prayers before we see it happen, not after. (Mk 11:23; Is 53:5; 1 Pet 2:24) Healing belongs to us in Christ. EXAMPLE – “Thank you, Jesus, that because of the cross _____ is healed.” Never deviate from words of faith aligned with God’s Word – stay consistent. If you have POSITIONED your faith on a clear promise from God, then take note of your words. Position the situation by faith according to God’s promise. If you are wavering in what you believe, you will become incongruent in prayer. This breaks the heaven-to-earth connection, causing prayers to go unanswered.
3. **Pray in Agreement.** Mt 18:19 “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.” Greek word for “agree” – Symophones, means to harmonize and sound together. Pray the same thing and God will respond. To pray effectively, we have to understand and align with spiritual laws. Intercessors are freedom agents who legislate the spiritual laws in the land and have to know, without a doubt, their authority in Christ.