



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: A Different Spirit (Activating Your Authority pt 4)

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme

Spirit Of Victory

Prayer Focus

"Father God, let Your presence be in me and teach me to trust not in You and what You've spoken. By Your Spirit, lead me beyond fear and into faith, where you make all things new. Help me to discern between lies and the truth, so that I can live the life you have for me. Amen."

Key Truths

The greatest need of believers in Christ today is to understand the authority that we have been given. "Authority" comes from the Greek word "exousia", which means "influence." It is our direct and God-given ability to affect situations and atmospheres from the place of who Christ has made us to be. It is in this authority that Jesus has sent us into the earth as His representatives. As a believer, we are ambassadors of Him, but many of us only come to God as beggars instead of through the authority that He has given us. We forget that God says He is able to do above all we can ask or think, according to the power that is at work *within us*. The things that God does on earth are through us and the power and authority—or influence—that we have received from Him as His children.

When we face attacks and difficult times, it's our responsibility to determine what source we want to live from. We can come to God in a somber, complaining, and defeated way, begging him to stop the devil, or we can let God remind us that He is at work in us, giving us the power to resist the devil by standing firm in faith. The devil is an utterly defeated foe, and he will stay defeated in our lives as we continue to live by the grace and power of God in us.

Faith – certainty – is the way that all of this works. Father God has given us this gift, and we make it our reality by being certain of it. The Bible says the same spirit of faith that lived in Joshua, Noah, Abraham, and even Christ Himself is at work in us. We either live certain in God's ability like they did, or uncertain and in our own inability, which will not get us anywhere. That certainty produces speech—the other component of faith being at

work. Our mouth should be moving if we have faith, agreeing with the Way, the Truth, the Life, and *His* reality over whatever we face. We don't focus on what we can't do; we look to God and what He has already done in us and continues to do through us.

We don't want to be like museum keepers who only look at the history of the glory days and wish it could be like that again. Likewise, we don't want to get to the point where we're content and looking for what God is doing through us next. We want to have a bold and alive faith that is pioneering, bringing others into that reality, too. We reproduce what we are. The greatest thing we can leave our children and those around us is not money and possessions, it's how to live by the spirit of faith.

Which one truth do you already have evidence of in your life today? Ask the Lord for new ways to see even more of it for you and others around you. Write your answers here:

Which one truth is the most challenging or least existing in your life today? Why do you think this is? Ask the Lord if there are any beliefs or barriers that are keeping you from believing that particular truth. Write it down here:

Practical Application

With the business of life and so many daily distractions, it's important to keep the first things first for us to see clearly throughout the day. Each morning, take the first 15 minutes before your day begins and speak from the inside out.

1. **Stand firm—physically and spiritually.** Literally stand up, plant your feet, and take a deep breath. Thank God and remind yourself: *I am not a spiritual beggar; I'm sent with authority from Christ. Thank you God that you have made it so.*
2. **Declare truth outloud.** All it takes is something simple like, *"The Spirit of faith is alive in me. God's power is working through me today."* Say it out loud, even if your emotions lag behind. It's training your spirit and shaping your day.
3. **Flip one situation.** Identify one area where you feel powerless or stressed. Instead of begging God to fix it, ask: *"How do You want me to stand in faith and affect this today?"* Then act in boldness—make the choice to do it. Your posture will shift toward hope, you'll walk in the authority of Christ in you, and you'll see your faith come alive.

Reference Verses

- Luke 10:19
- John 20:21
- 1 Corinthians 1:25-29, 2:9
- 2 Corinthians 4:13
- Hebrews 11
- Colossians 2:15
- Romans 1:16-17
- Judges 2:7-8
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Psalms 18:28-29
- Jeremiah 1:6-10
- Isaiah 6:6-8
- Numbers 13:27-33, 14:6-9,24-30
- Mark 11:22-23
- Philippians 2:6-11
- 1 John 3:23, 5:12-13

Declarations

Life is released when your words are in agreement with God. Intentionally speaking life and biblical truth out loud is extremely powerful. In fact, you have that very life in the power of your tongue. These words below, when spoken out loud, will cause an acceleration of the reality of God's words in your life. We encourage you to speak the following with the expectation of renewing your mind and see God's fullness.

- **I walk in divine authority**— not as a beggar, but fully empowered by Christ to shift atmospheres and represent His reign on earth.
- **The power of God is at work in me**— exceeding all I can ask or imagine, transforming my faith into active influence.
- **The devil is defeated in my life**— and I refuse to live from fear. I stand in faith, resisting every lie with the strength God has placed within me.
- **I speak with certainty**— the same spirit of faith that filled Christ and the prophets lives in me, and it informs my speech.
- **I live from God's ability, not my own**— I shift my focus from lack to the abundance of His finished work in and through me.
- **I am a reproducer of faith**— pioneering with boldness so others may see, catch, and carry the reality of God's life-giving presence.

What's Next?

Living in God's power and authority isn't just a concept; it's a daily practice that can transform your life. The key is to apply what you've learned about the spirit of faith—not as a passive listener, but as an active participant. Here is a three-step guide to help you put these principles into action every day.

Step 1: Speak God's Word Over Your Life

Faith must be in both your heart and your mouth. To apply this, make a habit of speaking God's promises out loud. Instead of agreeing with a negative situation, like lack or sickness, declare what God says about you. If you feel defeated, say, "I am an overcomer through Christ who strengthens me." When facing a problem, say, "I am well able to overcome this because the Lord is with me." This practice aligns your words with your belief, actively resisting the devil and reinforcing the authority you have in Christ.

Step 2: Act on Your Authority

Understanding your authority is only the first part; you have to use it. Many Christians act like beggars when they should be acting with dominion. When you encounter a challenge—whether it's a fear, an obstacle, or a difficult person—don't just pray for God to handle it. Take a stand by resisting the devil as the Bible says, and he will flee from you. This means using your words and actions to confront the issue from a place of authority, not fear.

Step 3: Cultivate a Pioneer Spirit

The "spirit of faith" is a pioneer spirit, always looking to advance and take new ground. This is the opposite of being a "museum keeper" who dwells on the past or a "settler" who is content with the status quo. To apply this, actively look for opportunities to grow, not just in your spiritual life, but in all areas. Ask God to show you what's next and be willing to step out in faith, even when it feels uncomfortable. This mindset keeps your faith active and growing, enabling you to pass it on to future generations and fulfill God's purpose for your life.

By consistently applying these three steps, you can move from simply hearing about your authority to living in it every single day.

Embracing your authority as a believer is a pivotal step into a life marked by greater power and purpose. If you're seeking to walk in this powerful truth, or if you need specific prayer and support in resisting the enemy, our team is here to stand in agreement with you. Please feel free to reach out to us via **WhatsApp** at 1.616.371.2404

Scripture Reference

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Luke 10:19 (NKJV) 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 20:21 (NKJV) So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV) Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ...

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV) Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...

2 Corinthians 4:13 (NKJV) And since we have the same spirit of faith...

Colossians 2:15 (LOVETT) He openly displayed Jesus triumph over satan disarming him and his entire band of spirits down to the last demon.

Romans 1:17 (NKJV) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith...

Judges 2:7-8 (NKJV) So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel.

Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (NKJV) "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

Deuteronomy 6:7-10 (NKJV) you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

1 Corinthians 1:25-29 (NKJV) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence.

Jeremiah 1:6-7 (NKJV) Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth." But the Lord said to me: "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to whom I send you, And whatever I command you, you shall speak.

Jeremiah 1:9 (NKJV) Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

Jeremiah 1:10 (NKJV) See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, To root out and to pull down, To destroy and to throw down, To build and to plant.”

Numbers 13:27-33 (NKJV) Then they told him, and said: “We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan.” Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, “Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.” But the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we.” And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, “The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

Numbers 14:6-9 (NKJV) But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: “The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, ‘a land which flows with milk and honey.’ Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them.”

Numbers 14:28 (NKJV) ‘As I live,’ says the Lord, ‘just as you have spoken in My hearing, so I will do to you: The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above. Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in.’

Numbers 14:24 (NKJV) But My servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land where he went, and his descendants shall inherit it.

Mark 11:22-23 (NKJV) So Jesus answered and said to them, “Have faith in God. 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.”

Philippians 2:6-8 (TLB) ...who, though he was God, did not demand and cling to his rights as God, but laid aside his mighty power and glory, taking the disguise of a slave and becoming like men. And he humbled himself even further, going so far as actually to die a criminal’s death on a cross.

Philippians 2:9-11 (TLB) Yet it was because of this that God raised him up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.