



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: The Stolen Authority (Activating Your Authority pt 5)

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

Message Theme

Jesus Restored Your Authority

Prayer Focus

Lord Jesus, Thank You for stepping into our world and showing us who God truly is. Help me walk in the authority You've given—not timidly, but boldly, knowing I am Yours. Teach me to resist the enemy, to speak Your Word with courage, and to live a life that reflects Your heart. May Your Spirit empower me to heal, proclaim, and love like You did. I choose today to carry Your presence wherever I go. In Jesus name, Amen.

Key Truths

The greatest need for believers is to understand the authority they've been given. We must know who we are in Christ, what we possess, and how to walk in it. Wherever we go, we go as representatives of Jesus. When God created all things, He gave humanity dominion over the earth. But when Adam and Eve sinned, that dominion was handed over to the enemy.

There are things God is responsible for—and things we are. Many Christians believe the devil flees from God, but James tells us to *"resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* We're not waiting for God to rescue us from the devil. God has already defeated him and given us the authority to stand firm.

Most Christians never share their faith with others. We can pray for someone forever but if we don't share the word with them, they may never hear it. It's the word of God, as a seed, that produces faith and leads to salvation.

The Bible contains over 300 prophecies about Jesus, the Messiah—each one a promise spoken by God and fulfilled in Christ. These weren't just words; they became flesh and walked among us. When Jesus left Heaven, He willingly set aside His power and glory to enter our world as a human. He chose to die a criminal's death—not because He deserved it, but because we did. He came to clear the slate, to make a way for us to be restored.

Throughout Scripture, we're repeatedly called to go into the world—proclaiming the gospel and healing the sick. Jesus didn't perform miracles as God, but as fully man, empowered by the Spirit. In doing so, He showed us that the same power at work in Him is available to us. His life wasn't just a rescue mission—it was a model for ours. Jesus came to earth as a human to experience our weaknesses and feel what we feel. He didn't stand at a distance—He stepped into our reality. Secondly, He came as a sin offering, taking on the death we

deserved so that we could live in freedom. And finally, He came to reveal the heart of God—to show us, in flesh and blood, what God is truly like.

Practical Application

Live like Jesus—empowered and intentional. Jesus didn't just save us; He showed us how to live. He operated in the Spirit, walked in compassion, and spoke with authority. That same Spirit lives in us. Our lives should reflect His—healing, proclaiming, and restoring.

Here are a few things you can do this week :

- Meditate on your identity in Christ (Ephesians 1)
- Declare authority over a personal struggle
- Share a Scripture with someone who needs encouragement
- Pray for someone's healing or breakthrough
- Reflect on how Jesus modeled Spirit-empowered living and ask how you can do the same

Reference Verses

- Luke 10:19, 4:5-7, 10:8-9, 1:30-33
- John 20:21, 1:14, 5:27
- 2 Corinthians 5:20-21
- Genesis 1:8-10, 1:26-28, 2:19, 3:15
- Psalms 8:4-6, 89:34
- Proverbs 18:21
- James 4:7
- Acts 3:2-7, 3:16, 10:1-6, 11:13-14
- Mark 16:15-16
- 1 Peter 1:23
- Revelation 14:6
- 1 John 5:19
- Isaiah 7:14
- Philippians 2:6-9
- Titus 2:13
- 1 Timothy 3:16
- Hebrews 2:14, 1:3
- 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Declarations:

- **I am seated with Christ in heavenly places, and I walk in the authority He has given me.** I do not shrink back—I stand firm, resist the enemy, and advance the Kingdom.
- **I carry the presence of Jesus wherever I go.** His Spirit empowers me to speak truth, heal the broken, and proclaim the gospel with boldness.

- **I am not waiting for rescue—I am commissioned to move.** I release the Word of God, knowing it is the seed that brings faith, freedom, and salvation.

What's Next?

In his final message on the authority of the believer, Pastor Duane reminds us that our faith isn't passive—it's meant to be lived out with purpose and power. The authority we have in Christ isn't just for a select few; it's a gift for every believer to use every day. Here is a three-step guide to help you put these principles into action.

Step 1: Speak and Act with Dominion

God gave Adam and Eve dominion, and after it was lost, Jesus came to reclaim it for us. The message stresses that our authority is voice-activated and that we must actively use it. In your daily life, this means shifting from passive prayers to authoritative declarations. For example, instead of only praying, "Lord, please heal me," you can also command sickness to leave your body in Jesus' name. When you face a problem, speak to it directly, knowing that Jesus has given you the authority to confront it. This is how you reclaim your dominion over sickness, fear, and other attacks from the enemy.

Step 2: Sow the Word to See Results

People are saved, healed, and changed not just by prayer but by the incorruptible seed of God's Word. This principle applies to all areas of your life. While prayer is essential, it must be paired with action. If you want to see a breakthrough in a specific area, you must actively "sow" God's Word. This means sharing the gospel with others, but it also means saturating your own life with scripture. Meditate on verses related to your need, speak them over your situation, and believe that the Word itself will produce the fruit you are looking for.

Step 3: Resist the Devil, Don't Just Ignore Him

We must resist the devil and not just live as if he doesn't exist. This is an active stance, not a passive one. In your daily life, this means you can't just hope problems go away. When a negative thought or temptation comes, you must actively resist it with the truth of God's Word. When you sense a spiritual attack on your family or finances, you have the authority to speak against it and command it to leave. You don't have to wait for God to do everything; He has empowered you to use your authority to make the devil flee.

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

Scripture References The Stolen Authority

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.

Colossians 2:15 (NKJV) Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

John 20:21 (NKJV) So Jesus said... As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

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

James 4:7 (NKJV) Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Genesis 1:8 (NKJV) And God called the firmament Heaven.

Genesis 1:10 (NKJV) And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas.

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV) Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth...

Psalms 8:5-6 (NKJV) For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet...

Genesis 2:19 (NKJV) ...and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

Psalms 8:6 (NKJV) You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet...

Psalms 89:34 (NKJV) My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

Luke 4:5-7 (NKJV) showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.”

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NKJV) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith...

1 John 5:19 (AMPC) We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one.

James 4:7 (NKJV) Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

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

Mark 11:23 (NKJV) ...whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed...’

Acts 3:2-7 (NKJV) And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said,

“Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

1 John 3:23 (NKJV) And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another...

Acts 3:16 (NKJV) And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Mark 16:15-16 (NKJV) And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

1 Peter 1:23 (NKJV) having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever...

Acts 10:1-6 (NKJV) There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!” And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, lord?” So he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do.”

Revelation 14:6 (NKJV) Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people...

Genesis 3:15 (NKJV) And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head...”

Isaiah 7:14 (NKJV) Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Luke 1:30-33 (NKJV) Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Philippians 2:6-7 (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.

Philippians 2:9-10 (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...

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV) For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

John 5:27 (NKJV) ...and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man.

Titus 2:13 (NKJV) ...looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...

Hebrews 2:14 (NKJV) Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same...

Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV) ...who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person...