

Week 6: Walking in Authority Through Faith and Obedience

Main Scriptures: Hebrews 11:6, Luke 9:1–6, John 15:7

Core Idea:

Spiritual authority is not sustained by emotion, personality, or effort alone. It is expressed as we trust God, remain connected to Christ, and obey what He says in the present moment.

Teaching Outline:

1. Faith pleases God and positions us to walk with Him (Hebrews 11:6)

- **Genesis 12:1 - 4**
 - Faith is not passive belief; it is active trust in God's character and reward.
- **Philippians 2:12 - 13**
 - Authority grows where confidence in God replaces self-reliance.
 - *Teaching emphasis:* before believers act in authority, they must believe God is who He says He is and will respond to those who seek Him.

2. Jesus gives authority, then expects obedient movement (Luke 9:1–6)

- Jesus gave the disciples power and authority, but the assignment required them to _____.
- **Matthew 10:34 – 39**
 - Authority becomes visible in _____ not merely in confession.
 - *Teaching emphasis:* delayed obedience weakens confidence, but obedient action deepens faith and reveals God's provision.

3. Abiding in Christ sustains effective authority (John 15:7)

- **2 Cor. 3:5 – 6; 12:9 – 10**
 - Authority is not _____; it flows from ongoing union with Christ.
 - When His words remain in us, our prayers, discernment, and actions become aligned with His will.
 - *Teaching emphasis:* Abiding keeps authority from becoming self-directed and keeps ministry rooted in relationship.

Discussion Questions:

- Which of the three main scriptures best exposes where your faith or obedience is being tested right now?
- How do fear, comfort, or the need for control keep believers from walking in authority?
- What is the difference between trying harder for God and abiding in Christ?
- What specific act of obedience might the Holy Spirit be prompting you to take this week?

Application:

- Ask the Lord each morning, “What are You leading me to do today?” and write down what you sense from Scripture and prayer.
- Choose one area where fear has delayed obedience and take one concrete step of faith this week.
- Pray John 15:7 personally, asking for deeper abiding and greater alignment with Christ’s words.
- Invite the group to share testimonies next week of how obedience opened the door for God’s power or provision.