

Week 9: Living a Spirit-Empowered, Authority-Filled Life

Review:

Attributes of Authority – Acts 4:31 – 34

Characteristics for Spiritual Authority:

- Missional for us to be ministers of the gospel.
- Boldness as we have been empowered (Acts 1:8).
- Blessed to bless each other because of the unity we have in Jesus.
- Surrendered unto the Spirit of God and His order (1 cor. 12:27 – 31).

Attitude of Authority – Galatians 5:24 – 26

The attitude of Spiritual Authority is evident:

- Selflessness (v. 24) passions and desires are under the Spirit of self-control.
- Actionable (v. 25) behaviors that exemplify a higher standard of living (Rom. 6:6 – 8).
- Encouraging (v. 26) living with the mindset of one being bountifully supplied (Phil. 2:3-4).

Effects of Authority – Matthew 5:13 – 15

Spiritual Authority affects the others:

- Preserve from corruption and Enhance with righteousness. (Healing properties)
- Light the way forward to all in your sphere of influence. (transformation)
- Be present so that your works are seen and the Father is given glory. (1 Peter 2:11 – 12)

Core Idea:

Spiritual authority is exhibited in those who are in *alignment* with the Lord.

Character Study: Moses

Key Scriptures: Exodus 3:10; 14:21

- **Exodus 3:10** – Observations
 - Spiritual Authority begins with reverence of the Most High God – (3:4 – 6; 10a)
 - Spiritual Authority is primarily for God's assignment - (3:7 – 9; 10b)

▪ Reflection questions:

- Do you remember when you gave God your “yes” and what assignment were you given?

- Who do you believe you were called to serve?

- How are/were they oppressed spiritually? Naturally? Or both?

- BONUS: Read Exodus 3:11 – 15; 4:1 – 19. Like Moses, many of us have tried to give God all of the excuses of why we can’t ‘go’. List your reasons here of why you tell the Lord, not me.

- **Exodus 14:16; 21; 27** – Observations

- Spiritual Authority acknowledges the Lord God as Omnipotent and having a willingness to *surrender* to His power (v. 21a).
- Spiritual Authority *acts* with *boldness* to advance the *mission* of the Lord. (v. 21a, 26a, & 27a)

▪ Reflection questions:

- Articulate in the lines below a time when you surrendered willingly to the power of God when He sent you to preserve others.

- Describe whether or not you had a ‘holy’ boldness. If so, can recall how that feeling of boldness is different than what you felt at other times.

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- What happened that made you realize that it was the power of God working through you and not you?
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If currently, you are not seeing the power of God in your life then here are some areas to examine:

- Are you on mission with the Lord?
- Do you fully acknowledge His will for your life?
 - Is there still a debating you're having with God such as Moses was having?
 - Have you considered that you are the one chosen for the mission because of your gifts given by the Spirit, and not your talent?
- Can see the mission as a reason you need to be bold, are you reasonably sure that you can do it without any help from the Lord?

These are just some areas of consideration. We must see that our mission for the Lord's greatest is the reason we have power. Once we fully accept the mission, then the manifestation will be in our lives both purposefully and personally.