

# I GIVE YOU AUTHORITY

WEEK 10

CHAPTER 18 – OUR  
AUTHORITY IS GREAT



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# One More Time

- ▶ Jesus - a Man - came into the world by God the Father to bring freedom from captivity. (Luke 4:18)
- ▶ He was to be lifted up so He could draw all people of the world to Him. (John 2:32)
- ▶ So many needs and so little help going to the lost from those in authority.
- ▶ Jesus knew His mission. He was secure in Himself. He exercised His authority in spite of opposition and criticism. He went about His Father's business with a **singleness of purpose.**

# Jesus' Experience

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Were there disappointments and resistance? You bet.

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Was there betrayal? Yes!

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Disappointments with those He had chosen and resistance from the religious leaders.

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But with all there was to do, He never was frantic. He did the things the Father showed Him.

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He got tired and took rest - from the crowds and even His disciples. He needed to stay close to Father!

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He persevered and finished well. He was Himself on the cross, forgiving those who put Him there and caring for others.

# Our Challenge: To Do What He Modeled

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Know	... who we are.
Know	... why we are here.
Commit	...to do the will of the Father and complete the good works designed for us, no matter the opposition or misunderstanding we have to deal with.
Continue	... to have His compassion for those who are still in captivity.

# WE ARE AT WAR!

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The enemy is always the enemy - "the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world" - Ephesians 6:12.

We are to operate authoritatively to advance the Kingdom of God and take back land that satan has had. He gave us uniforms and weapons and has commissioned us to fight.

We know who wins the cosmic battle, but there are many battles still to be fought, prisoners to be set free, others to be saved!

# WHO ARE OUR ENEMIES?

- ▶ Satan and his demons
- ▶ Ignorance - most Christians (in the west) are sitting on the sidelines
  - Unaware of the enemy schemes – (2 Corinthians 2:11) Paul says he knew satan's schemes.
  - Unaware that they are to be participating in the battles.
  - Unaware that they have weapons to fight and win those battles!
- ▶ God is breaking through the deception as Holy Spirit gets loose to operate in His people. We want to preempt the plans of the enemy. We have the authority to shift spiritual climates. We have the weapons to declare the manifold wisdom of God to the heavenly realms! This is Jesus' Worldview!

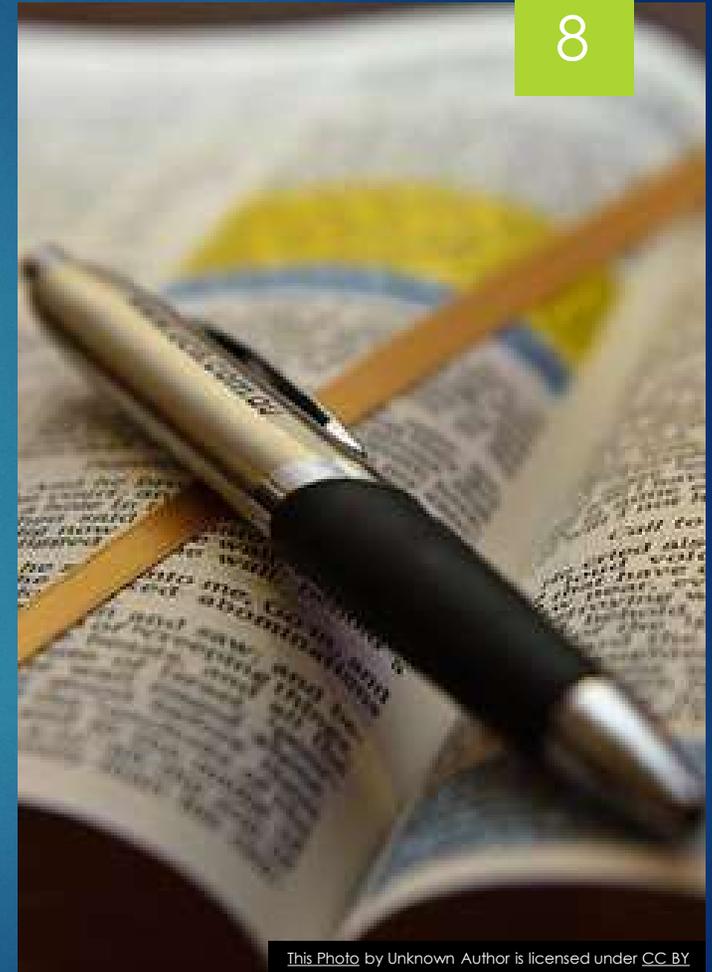
# What is Normal Christianity?

Staying Close to Jesus. We are talking about a relationship which has total intimacy with Jesus and the Spirit. A branch must stay in the vine if it is to bear fruit!

“Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me ... for you can do nothing without me.” — (John 15: 4-5)

# How Do We Connect?

- Prayer
  - Listen to His voice - in Scriptures and through people. Keep on good terms with Him. Grow in commitment to Him.
- With apostles, the first issue was to "be with Him". Relationship first, ministry second. Apostles could ask Him anything - and so can we! They were His friends. And so are we!
- While Jesus success rate was 100%, ours is not there yet. Why? Probably our ability to hear Father's voice and have that intimacy.
- Major external fruit of relationship is LOVE - for God and LOVE for those He LOVES.



- ▶ Some believers go off track but still retain and use their God-given gifts. Both gifts and call are irrevocable.
- ▶ Matthew 7 warns that some who call Jesus Lord will not enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only those who do what the Father tells them to do.
- ▶ Be sure that we use the gifts on God's terms and not ours. Be sure that we stay close to the vine!

## A Question and A Warning

- ▶ We are children of the King! A royal priesthood! Destined for the throne we can come boldly to it NOW! He loves and trusts us enough to grant us this position, authority and power through Holy Spirit. We are friends, not slaves. It is our Kingdom as well as His!
- ▶ And what is that Kingdom? Righteousness, peace, joy in the Holy Spirit! That is our inheritance and where we are to dwell TODAY! Tuned in to the Spirit TODAY! Dressed in clothes of righteousness TODAY!

WE MUST  
KNOW  
WHO WE  
ARE!

# Know We Are at War and Act Accordingly!

- ▶ If we know our authority, we will not hide or run from the battles. As front line troops, we obey our Leader and we are disciplined in our personal lives.
- ▶ Normal Christianity: Wake up to the fact that we must fight at both the natural and supernatural levels.
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 10: 4-5 – “for the weapons of our warfare are not human weapons but are made powerful by God for tearing down strongholds. We tear down arguments and every arrogant obstacle that is raised up against the knowledge of God, and we take every thought captive to make it obey Christ.” (NET)
- ▶ When we know how to fight at this level and use our weapons we become NORMAL Christians.

# OUR NORMAL CHRISTIAN WALK - ALLEGIANCE

- ▶ To what or whom are we loyal?
- ▶ What happens when that loyalty is challenged?
- ▶ What happens when that loyalty is strengthened by our responses?
- ▶ Does this allegiance affect our authority?
- ▶ Does it affect the abundance of the life we have today?

# OUR NORMAL CHRISTIAN WALK - ALLEGIANCE

- ▶ Allegiance to Christ leads to Relationship with Christ
- ▶ “The relationship flowing from our allegiance to Christ is foundational to the authority in which we walk as we seek to live the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22 -23) This relationship provides us with the authority to love the unlovable, to be joyful in the midst of gloom, to be peaceful when things are falling apart, to be patient when things look hopeless, and all in all to live righteous lives in an evil world. In short, our relationship with Christ provides us with the authority to live as He did.” – pg. 306, *I Give You Authority*.

# OUR NORMAL CHRISTIAN WALK - COMMITMENT

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Level of commitment determines our authority to win victories over our enemy.

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Level of commitment gives us the authority to challenge other allegiances in ourselves and in others.

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What commitments/allegiances do we need to challenge in our own lives?

OUR NORMAL  
CHRISTIAN WALK –  
TRUTH +  
KNOWLEDGE  
LEADING TO  
UNDERSTANDING

- ▶ Jesus taught truth with authority and truth about authority. (Matt 7:29)
- ▶ Greek words for truth and knowledge imply that these have been **learned by experience!**
- ▶ We are not talking about intellectual or theoretical truth and knowledge.
- ▶ It is truth **experienced** that will set us free!
- ▶ “Everyone who hears what I have to say, and acts on it, can be compared to a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain poured down, the floods came, the wind beat on the house, but it didn't fall down because it was built on rock.

Everyone who hears what I have to say and doesn't act on it, can be compared to a stupid man who built his house on the sand. The rains poured down, the floods came, the wind beat on the house, and it fell down flat!” (Matthew 7: 24-27)

## Freedom is Based on Obedience to His Word

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But when the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He won't speak on his own initiative, but He will speak only what He hears, and He will announce to you things that will happen in the future.

(John 16: 13-14)

We are to confront ignorance and error with God's truth. Learning the truth about false allegiances or counterfeit power can be a start to confronting them.

# What Did Christ Teach?

Jesus spent most of his time teaching truth - combating the ignorance and error around Him.

Our authority is grounded in truth so that we can combat the lies that surround us in our society.  
Lies such as:

The right to be connected to the Source of truth and to speak and live that truth in a world like this is an indefinable privilege - and a great responsibility.

We are to win God's approval of our use of His authority by being those "who correctly teach the message of God's truth."

The number of toys we have determines our worth.

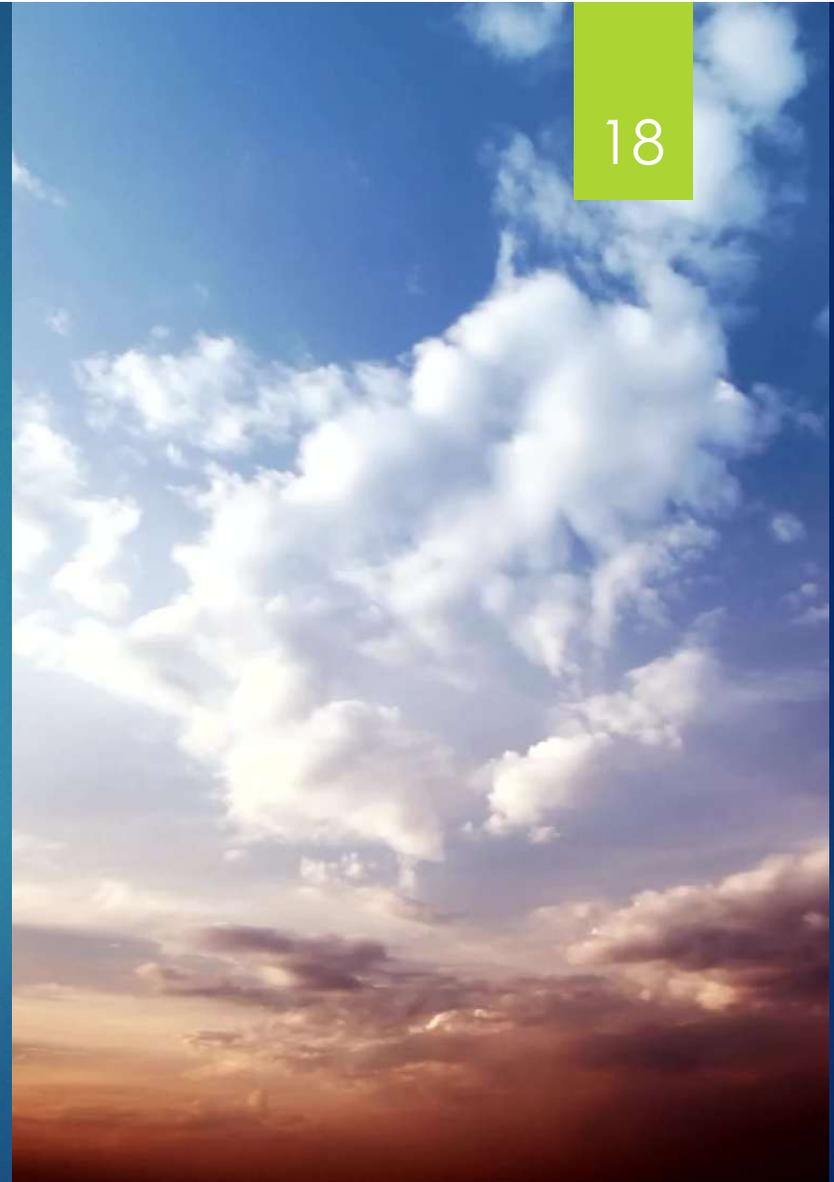
Success in our job determines our authority.

Important goals are all temporal and material.

God and spiritual things are not important. We are masters of our own fate.

## OUR NORMAL CHRISTIAN WALK - AUTHORITY TO USE GOD'S POWER TO BRING FREEDOM

- ▶ Freedom is the aim of the spiritual power used in the authority of Jesus.
- ▶ We have the power to free countless people, in and outside the body of Christ.
- ▶ When we use the authority to heal, physically, emotionally, and spiritually, we are setting captives FREE to walk out their destiny and do those good works that were created for them to do.



## OUR NORMAL CHRISTIAN WALK - AUTHORITY TO USE GOD'S POWER TO BRING FREEDOM

- ▶ When Jesus taught, he taught truth about both allegiance and power. When He healed, He used the true power of the true God to whom He was totally committed (allegiance) and with whom he had a close relationship. When he appealed for allegiance, it was on the basis of God's truth and in God's power.
- ▶ "If you are tired and weighed down, come to me and have a rest. Harness up, with me at the reins, and learn from me. I am gentle and kind, and you will have a break from work. I harness you up with kindness and don't weigh you down." Matthew 11:28 – 30



# OUR NORMAL CHRISTIAN WALK

- AUTHORITY  
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If our authority to work in God's power is authentic, it must be conditioned by wholehearted commitment to Him and a wholehearted concern for His truth. Allegiance and truth are backdrop to the proper use of spiritual authority and power.

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Evangelicals have often concentrated on truth, assuming that proper allegiance will develop as a by-product, often completely ignoring the power dimension.

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Pentecostals have often focused on power, and lost truth and allegiance in the shuffle.

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**A fully Biblical expression of Christianity emphasizes all three crucial dimensions in balance.**

# OUR NORMAL CHRISTIAN WALK - AUTHORITY TO USE GOD'S POWER TO BRING FREEDOM

- ❖ In the spiritual realm, it is all right to continue to experiment and learn through methods which line up with scripture.
- ❖ In learning how to set captives free, we recognize:
  - Authority prayer events take time.
  - Healings are not always immediate.
  - Visualization helps bring about healing.
  - Information from demons helps deliverance.
  - The Beloved often needs to work hard and have support to keep the gains made in ministry prayer time.
- ❖ Kraft comments that critics often have no experience in the area of healing and deliverance. While he takes detractors seriously, he states that he will continue to choose to help those in bondage. He sees God blessing his efforts, using him to bring freedom into the lives of the oppressed.

- ▶ **We must be aware that the invisible spiritual realm is real.**
- ▶ His morning prayer:

“In the name of Jesus, I claim protection from any enemy spirits that seek to hurt or harass me or my family today. I forbid them to affect me or any of my family spiritually, emotionally, physically or in any other way.”
- ▶ **We need to claim what is rightfully ours.** Claim angels around our chariots! Claim safety and protection for our children - "If this is the enemy, stop it!"
- ▶ **Assert Your Authority to Change Things:**
  - To bless.
  - To bring healing.
  - To deliver from demons.
  - To forgive.

## Putting Ideas Into Practice

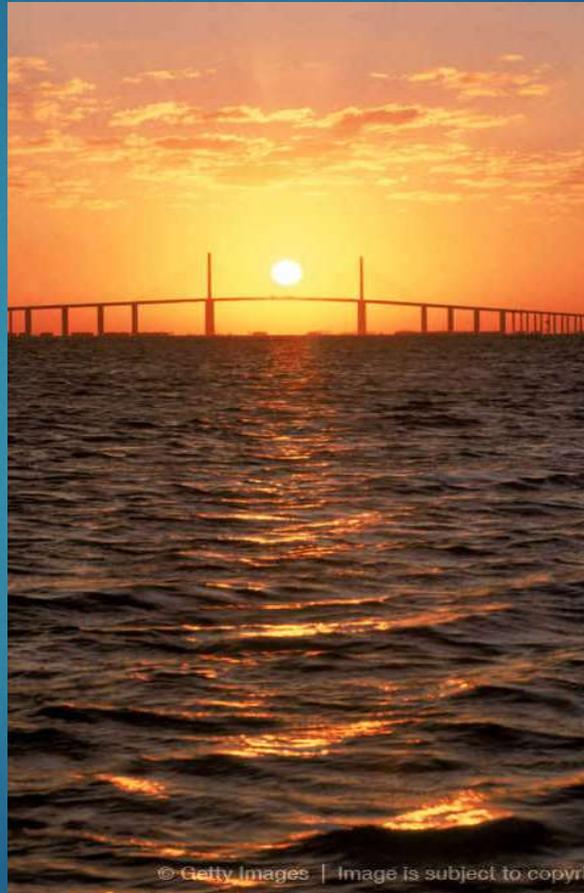
- ▶ Cancel rights of enemy to places, property, things. Cancel rights obtained through curses, vows, sins.
- ▶ How about the weather? Multiplying food?
- ▶ Over our families, our churches, our workplaces, our ministries.
- ▶ Our challenge: To love people into the Kingdom, using Jesus' credit card to defeat satan and his followers.

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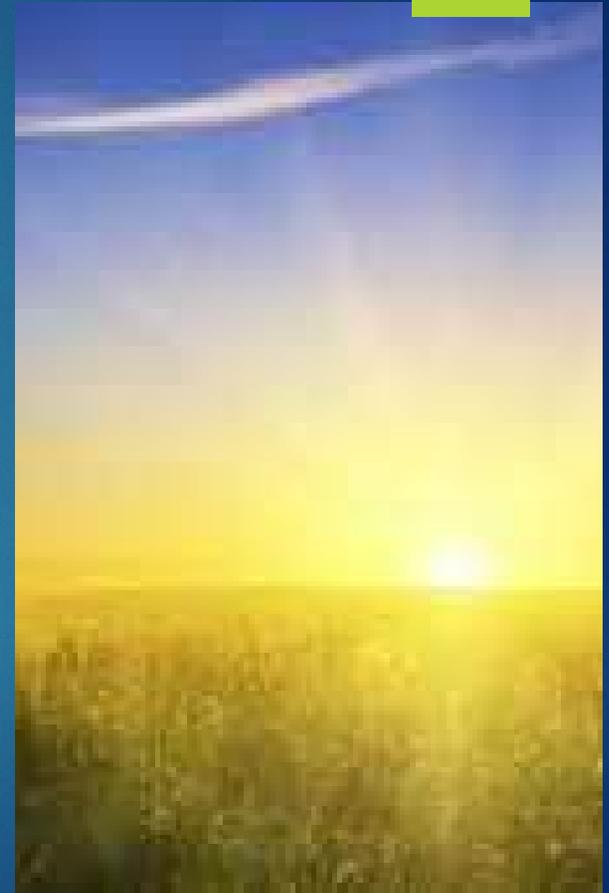
# The Challenge

*It's a Blessing to challenge everyone  
to be  
and  
to do  
all that God created us to Be  
and Do with His authority.*

**ARISE!**



**SHINE!**



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