

**Series:** Walking in Spiritual Authority (Week 1)

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**Lesson Title:** The Foundation of Authority

**Anchor Scripture:** Luke 10:19 (NLT) – *“Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy...”*

## Big Idea

Spiritual authority is the God-given right and Spirit-empowered ability to represent Christ, fulfill His will, and advance His Kingdom on earth. It is not based on titles, gifts, or feelings but flows through alignment with Jesus Christ.

## Key Insights

- **Authority vs. Power:** Authority is the legal right to act in Christ's name; power is the ability through the Holy Spirit to carry it out (Luke 10:19; Acts 1:8).
- **Delegated Authority:** Jesus gave authority not only to the twelve disciples but also to ordinary believers (Luke 10:17–19; Matthew 10:1). Authority belongs to every follower of Christ, not just leaders.
- **Origin of Authority:** From creation, God gave humanity dominion (Genesis 1:26–28). This was lost through disobedience in Eden but fully restored through Christ's victory at the cross (Colossians 2:15; Matthew 28:18–19).
- **Our Inheritance:** As children of God, we are heirs with Christ, authorized to walk in His authority (John 1:12; Romans 8:17).

## Application

1. **Know Your Position:** Authority is your inheritance as a child of God; believe it and walk in it.
2. **Stay in Alignment:** Authority flows from obedience and relationship with Christ.
3. **Live as Representatives:** Use your authority to resist the enemy, restore what sin has broken, and represent Christ in your home, workplace, and community.

## Purpose of Spiritual Authority

- **Represent:** Show the world who Christ is.
- **Restore:** Take back what sin and the enemy have distorted.
- **Reign:** Live victoriously in the spaces God has assigned.

## Closing Thought

We are not powerless. We are authorized by Christ to walk in Kingdom authority. The question is not whether you have authority, but whether you are walking in it.