

Series: Walking in Spiritual Authority (Week 3)

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Lesson Title: Activating our Authority

Anchor Scripture: Hebrews 11:6 (NLT) – *“And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.”*

Big Idea

Spiritual authority has already been given to every believer in Christ, but it must be activated in order to operate. Authority must be put into motion through faith, obedience, the spoken Word, abiding in Christ, and boldness through the Spirit. When these keys are lived out, authority moves from potential into practice.

Key Insights

- **Faith Activates Authority:** Faith connects us to the authority Christ has given. Even a mustard seed of faith outweighs fear and allows us to walk above what should drown us (Matthew 17:20; Matthew 14:29).
- **Obedience Sustains Authority:** Authority flows under God’s covering. Submission comes before resistance, and delayed or partial obedience drains authority (James 4:7; John 14:15; 1 Samuel 15:22).
- **Speaking God’s Word Releases Authority:** Authority is not silent. Faith-filled words enforce heaven’s truth and push back the enemy’s lies. Jesus modeled this in the wilderness by declaring, “It is written” (Proverbs 18:21; Mark 11:23; Matthew 4:1–11).
- **Abiding in Christ Empowers Authority:** Authority is sustained through continual alignment with Christ. As branches remain in the vine, so our daily walk in the Spirit keeps authority flowing (John 15:5; Galatians 5:16).
- **Boldness Demonstrates Authority:** Fear silences, but Spirit-filled boldness activates authority in real time. Boldness is not personality but a supernatural confidence rooted in righteousness and God’s presence (Acts 4:29–31; 2 Timothy 1:7; Proverbs 28:1).

Application

1. **Walk in Faith:** Trust God in the areas where fear has spoken the loudest.
2. **Live in Obedience:** Submit quickly when the Spirit prompts.
3. **Speak Truth:** Declare God’s promises over your life, family, and situations.
4. **Stay Connected:** Abide in prayer, worship, and His Word daily.
5. **Step Out Boldly:** Act courageously in an area where you’ve hesitated.

Closing Thought

Authority is not meant to remain potential; it is meant to be practiced. Faith activates it, obedience sustains it, words release it, abiding empowers it, and boldness demonstrates it. The question is not whether we have authority in Christ, but whether we will make the conscious choice to activate it and walk in it on a daily basis.