

*Spirit Filled*

*Spirit Lead*

The background of the image is a photograph of a sky at sunset or sunrise. The colors transition from deep blue at the top to bright orange and yellow near the horizon, with wispy clouds scattered across the sky.

*God*  
**PEACE**  
*Zone*

The text "God", "PEACE", and "Zone" are stacked vertically in the center. "God" is written in a white, flowing cursive font at the top. "PEACE" is in large, bold, white, block letters in the middle. "Zone" is written in a white, flowing cursive font at the bottom. The word "PEACE" is the most prominent element.

# Five Catapults

- I. Life's Trials
- II. Disobedience
- III. Fleshly Appetites
- IV. Strongholds
- V. Satanic Attacks

# A. WE HAVE AN ENEMY

We Must Prepare for Battle!

## Ephesians 6:11-18 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

1 Peter 5:6-9 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. <sup>7</sup> Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. <sup>8</sup> Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith...

James 4:7-8 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

# AUTHORITY

# A. Jesus' Authority

Matthew 28:18 (NLT)

Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Mark 1:27 (NLT)

<sup>27</sup> Amazement gripped the audience, and they began to discuss what had happened. “What sort of new teaching is this?” they asked excitedly. “It has such authority! Even evil spirits obey his orders!”

Mark 2:10-11 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said,

<sup>11</sup> “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!”

## B. Jesus Gave His Authority to the Church

Luke 9:1-2 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out demons and to heal all diseases. <sup>2</sup> Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 10:19 (NLT)

<sup>19</sup> Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you.

Hebrews 2:6-8 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> For in one place the Scriptures say, “What are people that you should think of them, or a son of man that you should care for him? <sup>7</sup> Yet you made them only a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. <sup>8</sup> You gave them authority over all things.” Now when it says “all things,” it means nothing is left out. But we have not yet seen all things put under their authority.

# Lessons on Authority from a Soldier.

Matthew 8:5-13 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, <sup>6</sup> saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." <sup>7</sup> And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup> The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it*."

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard *it*, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! <sup>11</sup> And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>12</sup> But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

# 4 Key Ingredients for Kingdom Authority

1. Faith in Jesus' power is necessary to demonstrate the power and authority Jesus gave us.

Mark 9:23 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things *are* possible to him who believes."

2. Faith is demonstrated by our obedience to authorities placed over us by Father.

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- a. God's Word
- b. Holy Spirit
- c. Government
- d. Parents
- e. Husbands
- f. Pastors and Spiritual Leaders

### 3. Great Obedience shows Great Faith

Great Faith is demonstrated by  
Greater Power and Authority.

### 4. It's a Trust Issue: Obedience to the Father reveals your trust in Him. Father then can trust you with His Power and Authority.