V. POWER AND AUTHORITY

A. YOU HAVE POWER

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (NKJV)

²⁶ For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. ²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹ that no flesh should glory in His presence. ³⁰ But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God--and righteousness and sanctification and redemption--³¹ that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD."

Zechariah 4:6 (NKJV) ⁶ ... 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

The Bible tells us we have power and authority to accomplish everything God instructs us to do. John 14:12 (NKJV) ¹² "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Eph. 3:21-22 (AMP) 21 "Now to Him Who, (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think – infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes and dreams 22 To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever, Amen – so be it.

*HIS POWER IS AT WORK IN US TO CARRY OUT HIS PURPOSE!

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

*HE HAS GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF POWER!

Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

*BE STRONG IN THE POWER OF JESUS!

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:
¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,
 ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

How much power was needed to raise Jesus from the dead?

*THE POWER IT TOOK TO RAISE JESUS FROM THE DEAD IS THE POWER THAT NOW RESIDES IN YOU AS A CHILD OF GOD!

II. Though Jesus was God He came to earth as a man. His Power was from Holy Spirit

John 5:19 (NASE)

¹⁹ Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. John 5:30 (NASB)

³⁰ "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

1 Corinthians 2:9-16 (NKJV)

⁹ But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." ¹⁰ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. ¹¹ For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

¹³ These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

¹⁶ For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Jesus listened to and followed the Spirit. So must we.

John 9:1-7 (NLT2)

¹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth...⁶ Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes.
⁷ He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!

Mark 8:22-25 (NKJV)

²² Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. ²³ So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. ²⁴ And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking"
 ²⁵ Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look
 up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.

Matthew 9:27-31 (NKJV)

²⁷ When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" ²⁸ And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." ³⁰ And their eyes were opened.

Matthew 12:22 (NKJV)

²² Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.

Matthew 20:29-34 (NKJV) ²⁹ Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. ³⁰ And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!" ³¹ Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, "Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"
³² So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

³³ They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes may be opened."
³⁴ So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Faith is demonstrated by Obedience.

We Have All Power To Do What Father Tells Us To Do When We Do It In The Manner He Tells Us To Do It.

Even after His resurrection Jesus was instructed and empowered by Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chesen. We must have the empowerment of Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8 (NASB)

⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." **Transliterated Word:** *dunamis* **Root:** from <u>1410;</u>

Definition: (miraculous) *power, might, strength:--*

New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.

B. Authority

Jesus had authority over demons.

Mark 1:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority, He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obe Him."

JESUS HAD AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS.

Mark 11:28 (NKJV) ²⁸ And they said to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?" JESUS GAVE AUTHROTIY OVER DEMONS TO HIS FOLLOWERS. *Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)* ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, <u>"All authority</u> has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. JESUS GAVE AUTHROTIY OVER DEMONS TO HIS FOLLOWERS. Luke 9:1-2 (NKJV) ¹ Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases.² He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

WHAT WAS HIS SECRET? HOW DID THIS MAN, JESUS, ACQUIRE SUCH AUTHORITY?

Matthew 8:5-13 (NKJV)

- ⁵ Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,
- ⁶ saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."
- ⁷ And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.*" ¹⁰ 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!

¹¹ 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. ¹² But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
 ¹³ 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.

Answer: Jesus was under authority.

John 12:49-50 (NKJV)

⁴⁹ For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. ⁵⁰...Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I/// speak." Knowing what to do and how to do it is vitally important. Knowing when to do it is just as important.

John 11:1-57 (NKJV)

¹ Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

² It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

³ Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." ⁴ When Jesus heard that, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. ⁷ Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

- ⁸ The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately the Jews sought to stone You, and are You going there again?"
- ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

¹⁰ But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

¹¹ These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."

¹² Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." ¹³ However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. To Increase in Authority, We Must Be Sensitive to Holy Spirit, Listening for What we are to do, How we are to do it and When. - Then Obey -

IN ORDER TO HAVE AUTHORITY, WE MUST BE UNDER AUTHORITY.

Hebrews 2:5-8 (NLT2)

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⁵ And furthermore, it is not angels who will control the future world we are talking about.

⁶ 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?

⁷ Yet you made them only a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁸ 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.

D. How Important is Fasting?

Mark 9:23-29 (NKJV)

²³ Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" ²⁶ Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."

Isaiah 61:1 (NKJV)

¹ "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

