

## LIVE AND OPERATE AS ONE UNDER AUTHORITY

<sup>29</sup>for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Matthew 7:29

### 1. We know that God is and has ALL AUTHORITY AND POWER

God is the Sovereign Ruler over the nations. He overrules where the devil rules. The stimulus of AUTHORITY and POWER is in Him. Power and belongs to Him.

<sup>11</sup> *[e]Once God has spoken;*

*[f]Twice I have heard this:*

*That power belongs to God;*

Psalms 62:11

<sup>15</sup> *Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His *[i]Christ*; and He will reign forever and ever.”*

Revelation 11:15

<sup>10</sup> *Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,*

*“Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.*

*Revelation 12:10*

<sup>8</sup> *and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.*

*Revelation 12:8*

## **2. We will share His rule with those whom He has chosen and appointed into leadership.**

He is the firstborn Son and those who are joint heirs with Him will receive delegated authority to operate under the chain of His command.

<sup>13</sup> *But to which of the angels has He ever said,*

*“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,  
UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES  
A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET”?*

*Hebrews 1:13*

<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

*Romans 8:16-17*

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did He ever say,

“YOU ARE MY SON,

TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”?

And again,

“I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM

AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME”?

<sup>6</sup> And <sup>¶</sup>when He again brings the firstborn into <sup>¶</sup>the world, He says,

“AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM.”

*Hebrews 1:5,6*

<sup>7</sup> “YOU HAVE MADE HIM <sup>¶</sup>FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR, <sup>¶</sup>AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

<sup>8</sup> YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET.”

*Hebrews 2:7,8*

### 3. We know that the Church carries the greatest potential to manifest His Kingdom authority here on earth.

The church is mandated and commissioned to preach the gospel of the Kingdom. The Lord Jesus Christ is not only the foundation, but also the Builder, the designer and the Owner of the Body of Christ. God has given the church the keys of the Kingdom to advance His Kingdom and His reign.

*<sup>18</sup> I also say to you that you are <sup>¶</sup>Peter, and upon this <sup>[m]</sup>rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth <sup>[n]</sup>shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth <sup>[o]</sup>shall have been loosed in heaven.”*

Matthew 16:18-19

*<sup>14</sup> This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole <sup>[g]</sup>world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

Matthew 24:14

*<sup>13</sup> But to which of the angels has He ever said,*

*“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,  
UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES  
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Hebrews 1:13

<sup>20</sup> which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

*Ephesians 1:20-23*

#### **4. Those who are connected and committed to covenant in the House of God will carry and operate under His Authority.**

They will be allowed to function under His authority. We must keep the chain of command intact without violating the flow of authority from heaven. So many people want to operate in authority without coming under authority. There is a hedge of protection for all who operate under the covering of the Arrowhead Leader or the Set Man in the House.

<sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy <sup>[a]</sup>temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

*Ephesians 2:21-22*

<sup>8</sup> For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."

Luke 7:8

## 5. We grow in the measure of authority by developing our relationship and stature in God.

We will become strong in the Lord by developing a meaningful relationship that brings the favor and intimacy from His Presence. Our pursuit of the virtues and values of the Kingdom will make us stronger. This attitude will give us a clear pathway to function under divine authority delegated in a measure to an appointed leadership structure.

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

Ephesians 6:10

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right*

<sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

<sup>5</sup> Slaves, be obedient to those who are your <sup>[a]</sup>masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ

<sup>9</sup> And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

*Ephesians 6:1,4,5,9*

<sup>17</sup> Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. <sup>[e]</sup>Let them do this with joy and not [f]with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

*Hebrews 13:17*

## **6. The measure of authority we will operate in will depend on the call, the assignment and mandate of God upon our lives.**

The measure of authority will be proportionate to the sphere of responsibility allotted to us. The responsibility allotted is in line with the call of God on our lives. If we are called as a pastor, our responsibilities of work are already marked out. We will have the measure of authority to cover the responsibilities within our jurisdiction. We cannot take more than we should as we will violate the chain of command. We must live and operate within the boundaries of our jurisdiction and not cross the line.

<sup>10</sup> For this reason I am writing these things while absent, so that when present I need not use severity, in accordance with the authority which the Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing down.

*2 Corinthians 13:10*

<sup>8</sup> For even if I boast somewhat <sup>[e]</sup>further about our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I will not be put to shame,

2 Corinthians 10:8

<sup>12</sup> For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with <sup>[h]</sup>some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding. <sup>13</sup> But we will not boast beyond our measure, but <sup>[i]</sup>within the measure of the sphere which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you. <sup>14</sup> For we are not overextending ourselves, as if we did not reach to you, for we were the first to come even as far as you in the gospel of Christ; <sup>15</sup> not boasting beyond our measure, that is, in other men's labors, but with the hope that as your faith grows, we will be, <sup>[j]</sup>within our sphere, enlarged even more by you, <sup>16</sup> so as to preach the gospel even to the regions beyond you, and not to boast <sup>[k]</sup>in what has been accomplished in the sphere of another.

2 Corinthians 10:12-16

## 7. The words are words of authority and are valid when we operate under a legitimate chain of command.

When we are under a higher ranking order of authority, the words of authority spoken will not be contested. Even if it is challenged, it will prevail

against it. When we operate under a Higher Order of Authority, we will enjoy the support of the stature it carries. The demonic realm knows real authority when they see or hear.

*<sup>7</sup> for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just <sup>[e]</sup>say the word, and my <sup>[h]</sup>servant will be healed. <sup>8</sup> For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does it.”*

*Luke 7:7-8*

**17** Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of <sup>[a]</sup>the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the *LORD*, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.”

*1 Kings 17:1*

*16 I have put My words in your mouth and have covered you with the shadow of My hand, to [g]establish the heavens, to found the earth, and to say to Zion, ‘You are My people.’”*

*Isaiah 51:16*

*<sup>13</sup> But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preaches."*

*<sup>15</sup> And the evil spirit answered and said to them, "I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but who are you?"*

*Acts 19: 13,15*

## **8. The goal for exercising authority is to move people for the executions and implementations of work.**

We must exercise authority for the purpose of getting the job done. The distribution of work and the workers behind it are covered by the authority of the leaders above them. The function of authority is to move the people in authority to get the job done. We have the authority to get the job done and deal with any resistance along the way. In Ezra 3:8-10 we see that the arrowhead leaders leading the work. Those above twenty one qualified for the work. They are united in the work. Each worker had to do their portion of specialized work. Their goal was to finish the work. We can see how we need someone who will oversee the workers.

The goal for exercising authority is to influence behavior and attitude for work. It is not used to show the strength of positional authority and role functions.

*<sup>8</sup> Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and Jeshua the son of*

*Jozadak and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all who came from the captivity to Jerusalem, began the work and appointed the Levites from twenty years and older to oversee the work of the house of the LORD.* <sup>9</sup> *Then Jeshua with his sons and brothers stood united with Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of [e]Judah and the sons of Henadad with their sons and brothers the Levites, to oversee the workmen in the temple of God.*

*Ezra 3:8-10*

## **9. We need power to enforce authority**

We need power to enhance the accurate flow and execution of authority. The policeman confronting the criminal who has a sword in his hands will need more than just positional authority. He will need the fire power to subdue the criminal who will refuse arrest. We must not just be strong in the Lord but also to be strong in the strength of His might.

<sup>10</sup> *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.*

*Ephesians 6:10*

## 10. Authority that is legal and legitimate flows from top downwards.

The chain of command must not be broken. The increase of His government and of peace there will be no end. The government of the Kingdom of God must continue to flow through those whom He has appointed to lead His people. The chain of command will not be violated or be usurped when the leadership structure is proactively in place. The purpose of the leadership structure is to facilitate the chain of command to be set in place and hold in each one who is part of the leadership to be responsible for his role and functions. Everyone in leadership must remain accountable on how we use what has entrusted to us.

*1 Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' <sup>a</sup>servant, saying,<sup>2</sup> "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel.*

*Joshua 1:1-2*

*<sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

*<sup>10</sup> Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying,*

*<sup>11</sup> "Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you are to cross this*

*Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you, to possess it.”*

*Joshua 1:9-10,11*

*<sup>4</sup> Now while they were passing through the cities, they were delivering the decrees which had been decided upon by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem, for them to observe. <sup>5</sup> So the churches were being strengthened <sup>[b]</sup>in the faith, and were increasing in number daily.*

*Acts 16:4-5*

*<sup>25</sup> it seemed good to us, having <sup>[h]</sup>become of one mind, to select men to send to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,*

*<sup>27</sup> “Therefore we have sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will also report the same things by word of mouth.*

*Acts 15:25,27*