

PARABLES OF CHRIST - #4
JUST SAY THE WORD AND IT WILL BE
SO

Luke 7:1-10

BELIEVING IN THE POWER OF GOD

- Matt 13:33, leaven hidden in 3 pecks of flour
 - Matt 16:6, beware of the leaven of Pharisees (Mark 8:15)
 - 1 Cor 5:5, little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough. Galatians 5:9
 - Ex 12:15, remove leaven from your homes

1. WE MUST RECEIVE THE WORTH GOD HAS GIVEN OUR PRAYERS.

1. **In the name of Jesus.** John 14:26, 15:16, 16:24-27; 17:11-12. Rom 8:37-39.

- Protected, guarded, guided, taught, spoken to, saved by.
- Compare: Matt 13:54-58

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2. In the power of the blood of Jesus.

- Defeats satan, powers of darkness.
 - Colossians 1:13-14
 - 1 Peter 1:18-19
 - Revelation 12:10-11
 - 1 John 3:8

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3. In the authority of Jesus.

- Greek word for authority – “exousia” - the power to act for another within the guidelines set by the other.
- Luke 7:8, For I also am a man placed under authority with soldiers placed under me ...

THE “AUTHORITY” JESUS WAS UNDER?

- Examples of authority in the Scriptures:
 - **Centurion** – commanded his soldiers by the rights, command given him by superiors.
 - **Saul** – arrested Christians by the authority, the rights given him by chief priest. Acts 26:10
 - **Pilate over Jesus**. John 19:10-11

JESUS' AUTHORITY

- Jesus' authority came from God, the Father.
 - John 5:19
 - John 10:18
 - John 8:42
 - John 8:58

JESUS' AUTHORITY INCLUDED

1. To forgive sins and offer salvation. Matt 9:6, Acts 4:12
 - To lay down his life. John 10:17-18
2. To execute judgment because He has life in Himself. John 5:26-27
3. Over the demonic. Matt 10:1, Mk 1:27; to destroy works of devil. 1 John 3:8

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4. Over every illness and disease. Matt 10:1
5. Over every other name that is named; all things in subjection to Him.
 - Eph 1:20-23, Col 2:10

OVERVIEW

- How can we pray boldly and confidently without an understanding of our authority in Christ? For a miracle? For a deliverance?
- How can we walk confidently in the will of God without an understanding of our delegated right to His walk in His will.

THE RIGHTS WE HAVE TO PRAY ARE
GIVEN TO US BY CHRIST.

ILLUSTRATIONS FROM THE WEEK

- Boko Haram pledged allegiance to ISIS
- Brooklyn – 4 teen girls attack one, McDonalds
- Racial slur Univ Ok fraternity song;
- Ferguson, MO shooting of police officer;
- Anniversary of Selma violence; Obama spoke
- 10 youth, 14-17 arrested in LA sexual attack

ORDINARY TO THE EXTRAORDINARY

- Water to wine
- Mustard seed to giant plant
- Seed into harvest
- Fishermen into apostles
- The Way into the Church

ABSENCE OF GOD MATTERS IN THE HUMAN HEART

- Matt 12:43-45

- ³² There are two elements to the *faith* that Jesus commended: The man's humility and his sense of Jesus' authority which recognized that only Jesus' word, not his physical presence, were required.
- ²⁹ *sn I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes.* The illustrations highlight the view of authority the soldier sees in the word of one who has authority. Since the centurion was a commander of a hundred soldiers, he understood what it was both to command others and to be obeyed.

CENTURION'S UNDERSTANDING OF AUTHORITY

1. He knew what it was like to issue a command. He was a delegated commander.
2. He knew what it was like to see it obeyed. Obedience was not an option.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT THE POWER OF GOD IN INDIA.

1. satan is **more present** than I ever imagined, even in the lives of the unaware in the church. Matt 13:4,19; 24-25; 32.
2. How **completely defeated** satan is by the authority, name, and blood of Christ; yet, I **must vocalize this fact** for it to have its power upon him.
3. Once seeing satan's defeat with my eyes, I was more able to bring glory to God by vocalizing prayers for healing and deliverance.

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4. **satan's lifeline** is what **we will not give up to God**, including our sin, our diseases, or our refusal to make Jesus Lord. **God allows us to keep what we will not give up**, even if satan will destroy us with it.
5. **Without the opportunity** to call upon the supernatural power of God, we will likely not experience it or truly believe it.

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6. Even if the miraculous does not occur, praying for it teaches us about KOG, builds our faith muscles, and blesses others.
7. Our Western thinking is probably the biggest barrier to our experiencing the power of God; to not experience God's power is to hinder the growth of His kingdom in our homeland.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

1. Begin (or continue) 30 x 30:
 - Pray in this way:
 1. In the name of Jesus
 2. In the authority of Jesus
 3. In the power of the blood of Jesus
2. Make 3 prayer contacts this week, praying specifically for a miracle in each one.
3. Sow “seeds” for the Kingdom of Christ.
 1. Get on the “God-train”

3. SURPRISED BY THE POWER OF GOD?

1. Mark 4:27 – surprised in the morning.
2. Mark 4:31-32 – surprised by the tree from such a small seed.
3. Matt 13:33 – surprised by the dough fully risen from just a pinch of yeast.
4. 1 Corinthians 4:20, “not words but power.”

THE CLAIMS OF POWER MADE BY JESUS

- Forgive sins – Mark 5:30, Acts 4:12, Phil 2:9-11
- Demonic – Matt 12:28, Mark 13:38-39
- Healing of every kind – Luke 4:18-20, Luke 10:8-9
- Death – John 11:43-44, Matt 22:31-33