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01

GOD IS NOT *the* PROBLEM

Chapter 1 establishes the foundational premise for the entire book: *God is not responsible for the evil, chaos, sickness, destruction and confusion that exist in the world today.* He is the source of life, healing, peace and victory.

While many believers mistakenly attribute everything that happens to God's sovereign control, Scripture teaches that God delegated authority on the earth to mankind. Through Jesus Christ, believers have been restored to covenant relationship with God and given command authority to carry out His will on the earth.

Many Christians struggle to walk in victory because they do not fully understand their covenant rights and responsibilities. When believers understand who they are in Christ and learn to exercise their command authority, they can live with confidence, faith and expectation.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

JOHN 10:10

Context: Jesus distinguishes His mission from satan's mission.

Key Lesson

- Satan steals, kills and destroys.
- Jesus came to give life abundantly.
- God's character is revealed through Jesus.

Reflection: How does this verse help clarify God's character?

HEBREWS 4:16

Context: Believers are invited to approach God's throne boldly.

Key Lesson

- Confidence is based on covenant, not personal perfection.
- God's grace is available in every situation.
- Believers have direct access to the Father through Jesus.

JOHN 14:13-14

Context: Jesus promises to respond when believers ask in His Name.

Key Lesson

- Prayer is based on covenant promises.
- Jesus authorized believers to pray in His Name.
- Faith is built on God's Word.

LEARN IT

1. What false assumptions about God's control does this chapter challenge?

2. What is *command authority*, and why is it important for believers to understand it?

3. How is the Bible different from, and superior to, any other book?

APPLY IT

1. Have you ever blamed God for something He never intended?

2. How does understanding covenant authority affect your view of prayer?

3. Are there areas of your life where you have not exercised the command authority God has given you?

DECLARE IT

Speak these faith-filled declarations aloud:

- God is my source of victory—not the source of my problems!
- I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
- I boldly approach God's throne of grace.
- Faith comes as I hear and speak God's Word.
- I walk in the command authority Jesus has given me.

LIVE IT

This week, identify one situation where you have accepted fear, defeat or uncertainty. Find a scripture that reveals God's promise for that situation. Each day, read that scripture aloud and exercise your command authority by speaking God's Word in faith.

MY FAITH ACTION PLAN

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PRAYER

Father, thank You for revealing Your goodness through Jesus. You are not the source of destruction, but the source of life, healing and victory. Thank You for restoring me to covenant relationship with You, and giving me command authority through Jesus Christ.

Help me grow in my understanding of Your Word, and in the confidence that comes from knowing who I am in Christ. I choose to believe Your promises, speak Your Word, and walk in the authority You have given me.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.[]

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02

A **WORD-CREATED, WORD-GOVERNED** *World*

God created the universe through His Word, and continues to uphold it by the power of His Word. From the very beginning, God's method has been to speak. His words carry authority, power and purpose.

Because believers are created in God's image, they are called to live by faith and release that faith by speaking God's Word. Faith is not based on feelings, wishes or circumstances. Faith is built on what God has said.

This chapter reveals the connection between faith, words and authority. As believers hear, believe and speak God's Word, they position themselves to walk in victory. When our words agree with God's promises, we are partnering with His truth, which has the power to change every contradictory circumstance.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

GENESIS 1

Context: God created the heavens and the earth by speaking His Word.

Key Lesson

- God's method of creation was speaking.
- Everything God created began with His Word.
- God's Word carries creative power.
- God's words established order where there was chaos.

HEBREWS 11:1-3

Context: Faith is described as the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.

Key Lesson

- Faith operates before circumstances change.
- The worlds were framed by the Word of God.
- Faith believes God's Word above visible circumstances.
- God's Word provides the foundation for confident faith.

Reflection: How does knowing that God framed the world with His Word affect the way you speak about your future?

LEARN IT

1. What does it mean to live in a Word-created, Word-governed world?

2. Why is God's Word the foundation of faith?

3. Why is it important to know what God's Word says about a situation?

APPLY IT

1. Do your conversations reveal faith or fear more often?

2. How does faith differ from positive thinking?

3. What areas of your life need to be framed by God's Word rather than by circumstances?

DECLARE IT

Speak these faith-filled declarations aloud:

- God's Word is true, regardless of what I see or feel. I believe what God says, no matter what the circumstances say.
- Faith comes to me as I hear and meditate on God's Word.
- My words agree with God's promises.
- I frame my life with God's Word.

LIVE IT

FAITH IN ACTION

Choose one challenge you are currently facing. For the next seven days, refuse to speak negatively about that situation. Instead, find a scripture promise that applies, and speak it aloud each day.

MY FAITH ACTION PLAN

PRAYER

Father, thank You for Your Word. Your Word is truth, and it never fails. Help me become more aware of the words I speak, and more committed to speaking in agreement with Your promises.

Teach me to live by faith and not by sight. I choose to believe Your Word above every circumstance, and to frame my life according to what You have said. Thank You that Your Word is working in me and producing victory in every area of my life.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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03

A **MAGNIFICENT ARRANGEMENT**

From the beginning, God's desire was to have a covenant relationship with His people, and to partner with them in fulfilling His purposes on the earth. Humanity was uniquely created in God's image and given the responsibility and authority to represent Him on earth.

Through Adam's disobedience, sin and death entered the world, and mankind lost the authority and fellowship God originally intended. Yet God's plan was never abandoned. Immediately after the Fall, God initiated His plan of Redemption, which would ultimately be fulfilled through Jesus Christ.

Jesus, the second and last Adam, restored what was lost in the Garden. Through Him, believers are redeemed, restored to fellowship with God, and empowered to walk in the authority God intended from the beginning.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

GENESIS 2:15-17

Context: God places Adam in the Garden and gives him responsibility along with clear instructions.

Key Lesson

- Authority is always connected to responsibility.
- God established boundaries for Adam's protection.
- Obedience is essential to maintaining fellowship with God.

LUKE 1:31-38

Context: The angel Gabriel announces the coming birth of Jesus to Mary.

Key Lesson

- God's Redemption plan was fulfilled through Jesus Christ.
- What was lost through Adam would be restored through Jesus.
- God's promises are fulfilled through His Word.
- Faith responds to God's promises with obedience.

LEARN IT

1. Why did God create humanity in His image?

2. Why is God's immediate promise of redemption significant?

3. What does it mean that Jesus is the "second Adam"? How is He the "last Adam?"

APPLY IT

1. What can we learn from Adam's failure that applies to our lives today?

2. How does satan still attempt to challenge God's Word in modern culture?

3. What areas of your life are most vulnerable to deception or compromise?

DECLARE IT

Speak these faith-filled declarations aloud:

- I am created in the image of God.
- God designed me for fellowship with Him.
- Through Jesus Christ, I have been restored to God's family.
- I am redeemed from the curse through the blood of Jesus.
- I walk in the authority God intended for His children.

LIVE IT

FAITH IN ACTION

This week, intentionally represent God's character in your interactions with others. Look for opportunities to demonstrate His love, integrity, forgiveness and compassion in practical ways.

MY FAITH ACTION PLAN

PRAYER

Father, thank You for creating me in Your image and calling me into fellowship with You. Thank You that Your plan of Redemption was fulfilled through Jesus Christ, and that I have been restored to Your family.

Help me walk in wisdom, obedience and faith. Show me how to represent You well in my home, workplace and relationships. Thank You for empowering me to live according to Your original purpose and design.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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04

AUTHORIZED *and* **EMPOWERED:** *Just* **LIKE JESUS**

Jesus did not come to demonstrate a standard that was impossible for believers to follow. He ministered as a man anointed by the Holy Spirit, demonstrating how God originally intended humanity to function in partnership with Him.

Through Jesus Christ, believers have been both authorized and empowered to continue His ministry on the earth. Authority is the legal right to act. Power is the ability to carry out that authority. God has provided both.

This chapter reveals that believers are not merely followers of Jesus—they are His representatives. Fear, intimidation and ignorance can prevent Christians from walking in the authority God has given them. As believers learn who they are in Christ, depend on the Holy Spirit, and refuse fear, they can confidently fulfill their God-given assignments.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

JOHN 14:12

Context: Jesus tells His disciples that those who believe in Him will continue His works.

Key Lesson

- Jesus expected believers to continue His ministry.
- The works of Jesus did not end with His earthly ministry.
- Believers are called to demonstrate God's power and authority today.
- Faith requires action.

ACTS 1:8

Context: Jesus promises the Holy Spirit before His ascension.

Key Lesson

- The Holy Spirit empowers believers for service.
- God's power enables believers to fulfill their assignments.
- Spiritual authority is strengthened through partnership with the Holy Spirit.
- Every believer has a purpose in God's kingdom.

LEARN IT

1. What is the difference between authority and power?

2. What does it mean to be Christ's representative on the earth?

3. What authority did Jesus delegate to His followers in Luke 10?

APPLY IT

1. What fears have attempted to limit your effectiveness as a believer?

2. What is the relationship between authority and obedience?

3. How can you become more dependent on the Holy Spirit in your daily life?

DECLARE IT

Speak these faith-filled declarations aloud:

- I am authorized and empowered by Jesus Christ to do the works He commanded me to do.
- I am a representative of the kingdom of God.
- The Holy Spirit empowers me for every assignment God gives me.
- Fear has no place in my life.

LIVE IT

FAITH IN ACTION

This week, ask the Holy Spirit to show you one opportunity each day to encourage, pray for, or minister to someone. Step out in faith and act on His leading.

MY FAITH ACTION PLAN

PRAYER

Father, thank You for authorizing and empowering me, through Jesus Christ, to act as Your representative. Thank You for giving me the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen and equip me for every assignment.

I refuse to fear, or to be intimidated by the lies of the devil. Teach me, Lord, to walk confidently in the authority You have given me, to minister Your power and provisions to others. I choose to depend on Your Spirit and follow Your leading each day.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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05

FROM *the* CROSS TO *the* THRONE

The Cross was not the end of God's plan—it was the beginning of Christ's ultimate victory over sin, death, hell and Satan. Through His death, burial, resurrection and ascension, Jesus recovered everything Adam lost and secured redemption for all who believe in Him.

Because Jesus conquered the powers of darkness and was exalted to the highest place of authority, believers now share in His victory. We are not merely forgiven sinners; we are redeemed children of God, have been seated with Christ, and are heirs of His promises.

This chapter challenges believers to see themselves from God's perspective. Through the finished work of Jesus, we have access to righteousness, authority and covenant blessings that enable us to live in victory every day.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

COLOSSIANS 2:13-14

Context: Paul describes Christ's victory over sin and the powers of darkness.

Key Lesson

- Jesus canceled the debt of sin against humanity.
- He disarmed principalities and powers.
- Satan's defeat was publicly demonstrated through Christ's victory.
- Redemption is complete through Jesus.

EPHESIANS 2:4-6

Context: Paul describes the God's mercy, and the believer's position in Christ.

Key Lesson

- Believers have been made alive with Christ.
- God has raised believers up with Christ.
- Christians are seated together with Him in heavenly places.
- Our position in Christ affects how we live.

LEARN IT

1. What did Jesus accomplish through His death, burial and resurrection?

2. How does redemption involve more than forgiveness of sins?

3. How does Jesus' victory affect the believer today?

APPLY IT

1. What does it mean to be a joint heir with Jesus?

2. What promises of redemption have you not fully embraced?

2. How would your daily decisions change if you consistently saw yourself as seated with Christ?

DECLARE IT

Speak these faith-filled declarations aloud:

- I am seated with Christ in heavenly places.
- I refuse to live as though I am defeated.
- Jesus has won the victory, and I share in His triumph.
- Every promise of God belongs to me through Jesus Christ.

LIVE IT

FAITH IN ACTION

When challenges arise this week, pause before responding. Remind yourself of your position in Christ, and choose to respond from faith instead of fear or defeat.

MY FAITH ACTION PLAN

PRAYER

Father, thank You for the finished work of Jesus. Thank You that through His death, burial, resurrection and ascension, I have been redeemed and restored.

Help me see myself the way You see me. Teach me to live from a position of victory rather than defeat. Thank You that I am seated with Christ, and empowered to walk in faith every day.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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06

REBORN *With* **RESURRECTION** *Power*

Salvation is far more than the forgiveness of sins. When a person receives Jesus Christ as Lord, he becomes a new creation. The old life passes away, and a new life begins.

The same resurrection power that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in every believer. Because of God's grace, Christians have been made alive in Christ, empowered by His Spirit, and equipped to fulfill their God-given purpose.

This chapter encourages believers to stop identifying with past failures, weaknesses or natural limitations, and begin seeing themselves through the lens of God's Word. The resurrection is not only a historical event—it is a present reality that enables believers to live victoriously today.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

EPHESIANS 1:19-21

Context: Paul prays that believers would understand the greatness of God's power toward them.

Key Lesson

- The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is available to believers.
- Christ's resurrection demonstrated God's unmatched power.
- Jesus is exalted above every authority and power.
- God's power is working in His people today.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

Context: Paul describes the transformation that occurs through salvation.

Key Lesson

- Anyone in Christ is a new creation.
- Old things have passed away.
- A completely new identity has been established.
- God's view of us is based on who we are in Christ.

LEARN IT

1. What is the significance of resurrection power in the life of a believer?

2. Why is it important to see yourself as a new creation?

3. What does it mean to be seated with Christ in heavenly places?

APPLY IT

1. What old labels, failures or limitations do you need to stop carrying?

2. How does knowing God's resurrection power lives in you affect the way you approach challenges?

3. What good works has God prepared for you to accomplish?

DECLARE IT

Speak these faith-filled declarations aloud:

- I am a new creation in Christ Jesus.
- The old has passed away, and all things have become new.
- The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in me.
- I am alive in Christ and filled with His resurrection life.
- I am equipped and empowered to fulfill God's purpose for my life.

LIVE IT

FAITH IN ACTION

Choose one area where you have been defining yourself by past experiences, failures or limitations. Find scriptures that describe who you are in Christ and read them aloud every day this week.

MY FAITH ACTION PLAN

PRAYER

Father, thank You for making me a new creation in Christ. Thank You that the same resurrection power that raised Jesus from the dead now lives in me.

Help me see myself through the truth of Your Word. I am who You say I am. I choose to leave behind old labels, failures and limitations, and embrace my identity in Christ. Thank You for empowering me to fulfill Your purpose and walk in victory.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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07

The **AUTHORITY** **IS IN** *Your* **MOUTH**

God's authority is not meant to remain hidden in the heart of the believer—it is meant to be released through words. Throughout Scripture, God works through words, and believers are called to do the same.

Faith is more than believing God's promises. Faith speaks. When believers consistently agree with God's Word, they release faith and exercise the authority God has given them. The words we speak can either reinforce fear, doubt and defeat, or they can establish God's truth in our lives.

This chapter reveals that the authority God has given believers is activated when they speak His Word in faith. As we learn to align our words with God's promises, we position ourselves to experience greater victory and effectiveness in every area of life.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

MARK 11:22-24

Context: Jesus teaches His disciples about faith after cursing the fig tree.

Key Lesson

- Faith believes in the heart and speaks with the mouth.
- Words are a vehicle for releasing faith.
- Believers must speak to obstacles, not merely talk about them.
- Faith-filled words produce results.

PROVERBS 18:21

Context: Solomon teaches about the power of words.

Key Lesson

- Life and death are in the power of the tongue.
- Words carry consequences.
- Believers should steward their words carefully.
- What we continually say influences what we believe.

LEARN IT

1. What does the author mean when he says, “The authority is in your mouth”?

2. What relationship exists between faith and confession?

3. What does Proverbs 18:21 teach about the power of words?

APPLY IT

1. What recurring phrases do you use that may contradict God's Word?

2. If someone listened to your words for a week, would they hear faith or fear?

3. How can you develop a habit of speaking God's Word daily?

DECLARE IT

Speak these faith-filled declarations aloud:

- My words agree with God's Word.
- I speak life, faith and victory.
- God's promises are true in my life.
- I refuse to speak fear, doubt or unbelief.
- Faith is released through my words.

LIVE IT

FAITH IN ACTION

For the next seven days, refuse to speak negatively about a challenge you are facing. Instead, find a scripture promise that addresses that situation and speak it aloud every day.

MY FAITH ACTION PLAN

PRAYER

Father, thank You for the power of Your Word. Help me become more aware of the words I speak and more committed to speaking in agreement with Your promises.

I choose to reject fear, doubt and unbelief. Teach me to release faith through my words and to use my mouth as an instrument of life, hope and victory. Thank You that Your Word is producing results in my life.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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08

CHAIN *of* **COMMAND**

All true authority originates with God and functions through His established order. Throughout Scripture, authority flows through relationships, responsibility and proper submission.

Jesus demonstrated perfect submission to the Father while exercising tremendous authority on the earth. His example teaches us that understanding authority begins with understanding how to function under authority.

This chapter reveals that humility, obedience and honor position believers to walk more effectively in the authority God has given them. When we understand God's chain of command, we are better equipped to fulfill His purposes and represent Him well.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

MATTHEW 8:5-10

Context: The Roman centurion explains his understanding of authority to Jesus.

Key Lesson

- Authority functions through proper order and delegation.
- The centurion understood both being under authority and exercising authority.
- Jesus described his understanding as great faith.
- Submission and authority work together.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Context: Paul describes Christ's humility and obedience.

Key Lesson

- Jesus humbled Himself and obeyed the Father.
- Obedience preceded exaltation.
- God's authority is exercised through humility, not pride.
- True leadership begins with servanthood.

LEARN IT

1. What did the Roman centurion understand about authority that impressed Jesus?

2. How did Jesus model submission to authority?

3. How are authority and responsibility connected?

APPLY IT

1. How does honoring authority strengthen spiritual effectiveness?

2. Why is humility essential for exercising authority?

DECLARE IT

Speak these faith-filled declarations aloud:

- I willingly submit to God's authority.
- I honor the authority structures God has established.
- I follow Jesus' example of obedience and humility.
- I walk in both authority and submission.
- God's order produces peace and effectiveness in my life.

LIVE IT

FAITH IN ACTION

Identify one area where God is calling you to grow in humility, obedience or honor. Take one practical step this week to respond to His direction.

MY FAITH ACTION PLAN

PRAYER

Father, thank You for being a God of order and purpose. Help me follow Jesus' example of humility, obedience and submission.

Show me any areas where pride, independence or resistance have limited my effectiveness. Teach me to honor the authority You have established, and to walk faithfully in the authority You have entrusted to me.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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09

USING *Your* **COMMAND** **AUTHORITY** *in* **PRAYER**

When believers understand who they are in Christ, and the authority He has delegated to them in His Word, it will change how they interact with God. Instead of begging God to do something for us, we can approach our heavenly Father with bold confidence.

This chapter teaches believers how to exercise their command authority in prayer by knowing and agreeing with God's Word, confidently standing on His promises, and praying from a position of faith instead of fear. Learn the difference between asking God for something He has already provided, and exercising authority over situations that are contrary to His will. Prayer becomes powerful when believers pray from a position of authority.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

HEBREWS 4:16

Context: Believers are invited to approach God's throne boldly.

Key Lesson

- Prayer is based on covenant relationship.
- Believers can come confidently before God.
- God's grace provides help in times of need.
- Confidence in prayer comes from knowing God's Word.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

Context: Paul instructs believers to bring their requests to God with thanksgiving.

Key Lesson

- Prayer replaces anxiety with peace.
- Requests should be made with faith and gratitude.
- God's peace guards the heart and mind.

LEARN IT

1. What does *command authority* in prayer mean?

2. How does covenant-based prayer differ from begging God for help?

3. Why is it important to know God's Word before praying?

APPLY IT

1. What situations in your life require greater confidence in prayer?

2. Why is it important to pray God's Word rather than personal opinions?

3. How has your understanding of prayer changed through this chapter?

DECLARE IT

Speak these faith-filled declarations aloud:

- I approach God's throne boldly through Jesus Christ.
- My prayers are based on God's covenant promises.
- I pray with faith, confidence and expectation.
- God's Word guides and strengthens my prayer life.
- I exercise my command authority in agreement with God's Word.

LIVE IT

FAITH IN ACTION

Choose one need or challenge you are facing. For the next seven days, pray God's promises concerning that situation and exercise your command authority by speaking His Word in faith.

MY FAITH ACTION PLAN

PRAYER

Father, thank You for giving me access to Your throne through Jesus Christ. Thank You that I can come boldly before You and receive grace, wisdom and help.

Teach me to pray according to Your Word and to exercise the command authority You have given me. I choose to pray from faith, not fear, and to stand confidently on Your promises.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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10

AUTHORITY *in* *the* **NAME** *of* **JESUS**

One of the greatest privileges given to believers is the authority found in the Name of Jesus. His Name is not merely a phrase added to the end of a prayer—it represents His victory, authority and triumph over every power of darkness.

Through His death, burial, resurrection and exaltation, Jesus received the Name that is above every name. He has authorized believers to use His Name as His representatives on the earth. When believers act in agreement with God's Word, they are acting under the authority of Jesus Himself.

This chapter teaches that understanding the power of the Name of Jesus transforms prayer, ministry, and everyday life. Just as a legal representative can act on behalf of another person, believers have been commissioned to act in the authority of Jesus. When they speak and act according to God's Word, heaven backs the authority of Jesus' Name.

As believers grow in confidence and faith, they learn to exercise the authority they have received and walk in victory over every challenge they face.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

MARK 16:17-18

Context: Jesus commissions believers before His ascension.

Key Lesson

- Believers are authorized to minister in Jesus' Name.
- Signs and miracles accompany faith.
- The authority of Jesus continues through His followers.
- Every believer has been commissioned to represent Christ.

ACTS 3:1-8

Context: Peter ministers healing to the lame man at the temple gate.

Key Lesson

- The Name of Jesus carries authority and power.
- Peter understood his role as Christ's representative.
- Faith in Jesus' Name produces results.
- Confidence in God's Word leads to bold action.

LEARN IT

1. Why is the Name of Jesus central to the believer's authority?

2. What can believers learn from Peter's use of Jesus' Name in Acts 3?

APPLY IT

1. 1. What situations in your life require greater confidence in Jesus' authority?

2. How does Jesus' victory impact the challenges you face today?

3. How can you grow in your understanding of the power of Jesus' Name?

DECLARE IT

Speak these faith-filled declarations aloud:

- Every challenge in my life must bow to the authority of Jesus Christ.
- I pray with confidence in the Name of Jesus.
- I minister with authority because Jesus has commissioned me.
- The power of God works through faith in the Name of Jesus.
- I am Christ's representative on the earth.

LIVE IT

FAITH IN ACTION

Identify one situation that has caused fear, worry or uncertainty. This week, pray God's Word over that situation and boldly declare the authority of the Name of Jesus over it each day.

MY FAITH ACTION PLAN

PRAYER

Father, thank You for the victory Jesus secured through His death, burial and resurrection. Thank You for giving me the privilege of using the Name of Jesus as His representative on the earth.

Help me grow in faith and confidence as I exercise the authority You have given me. I choose to trust Your Word, stand on Your promises, and boldly use the Name of Jesus in every area of my life.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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11

A **LIGHTHOUSE** *in the* **DARKNESS**

As believers grow in their understanding of who they are in Christ, the authority they possess, the power of God's Word, and the authority found in the Name of Jesus, they become a visible witness to the world around them.

God never intended for the authority of the believer to be used only for personal benefit. He desires for His people to demonstrate His love, truth, healing, hope and victory in a world filled with confusion and darkness.

The Church is called to be a lighthouse—shining God's light, revealing His goodness, and pointing people to Jesus. As believers walk in faith and authority, they become living testimonies of God's power and faithfulness.

This chapter reminds us that walking in authority is not simply about what God can do for us. It is about allowing His life to flow through us so others can encounter Him.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

MATTHEW 5:14-16

Context: Jesus describes His followers as the light of the world.

Key Lesson

- Believers are called to shine in a dark world.
- Good works should glorify God.
- Light is meant to be visible, not hidden.
- The world should see God's character through His people.

ISAIAH 60:1-3

Context: Isaiah prophesies about God's glory shining upon His people.

Key Lesson

- God's people are called to arise and shine.
- Darkness may cover the earth, but God's light shines through believers.
- Others are drawn to God's light.
- God's glory is revealed through His people.

LEARN IT

1. Why does the author describe believers as a lighthouse in the darkness?

2. What responsibility accompanies the authority believers have received?

3. How can believers shine God's light in difficult circumstances?

APPLY IT

1. What does it mean to be a lighthouse in today's culture?

2. How does walking in authority make your testimony more effective?

3. What opportunities has God placed in your life to influence others for Christ?

4. What practical steps can you take to become a stronger witness for Jesus?

DECLARE IT

Speak these faith-filled declarations aloud:

- I am the light of the world through Jesus Christ.
- God's light shines through me wherever I go.
- I am a witness for Jesus Christ.
- The Holy Spirit empowers me to impact others.
- I walk in faith, authority and love.

LIVE IT

FAITH IN ACTION

Ask the Lord to show you one person this week who needs encouragement, prayer or hope. Intentionally reach out to them and allow God's love to shine through your words and actions.

MY FAITH ACTION PLAN

PRAYER

Father, thank You for calling me to be a light in the world. Thank You for entrusting me with the privilege of representing Jesus and sharing Your love with others.

Help me walk in faith, authority and compassion. Open my eyes to opportunities to encourage, serve and minister to those around me. May my life point people to Jesus and bring glory to Your Name.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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Prayer for Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, “Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to Romans 10:9-10: “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead. I repent of sin. I renounce it. I renounce the devil and everything he stands for. Jesus is my Lord.

I am now reborn! I am a Christian—a child of Almighty God! I am saved! You also said in Your Word, “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” (Luke 11:13). I’m also asking You to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me the utterance (Acts 2:4). In Jesus’ Name. Amen!

Begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive—not in your own language, but the language given to you by the Holy Spirit. You have to use your own voice. God will not force you to speak. Don’t be concerned with how it sounds. It is a heavenly language!

Continue with the blessing God has given you and pray in the spirit every day.

You are a born-again, Spirit-filled believer. You’ll never be the same!

Find a good church that boldly preaches God’s Word and obeys it. Become part of a church family who will love and care for you as you love and care for them.

We need to be connected to each other. It increases our strength in God. It’s God’s plan for us.

Make it a habit to watch the *Believer’s Voice of Victory* broadcast and VICTORY Channel and become a doer of the Word, who is blessed in his doing (James 1:22-25).



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