



Authority of the Believer

Walking in God's authority

Genesis 1:26-31 NLT

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. **They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.**" [27] So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. **[28] Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply.** Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground." [29] Then God said, "Look! I have given you every seed-bearing plant throughout the earth and all the fruit trees for your food. [30] And I have given every green plant as food for all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, and the small animals that scurry along the ground-everything that has life." And that is what happened. **[31] Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.**

Made to last

God did not create man to live defeated, oppressed, or powerless. From the beginning, God created man in His image and gave him dominion, authority, and responsibility over the earth. God created first, then He delegated authority.

He said, "Let them have dominion." That means man was not created to beg for permission from darkness. **Man was created to govern, steward, and reflect the rule of Heaven on the earth.**

Adam entered the world already blessed, already commissioned, already carrying divine assignment. He was not made as a slave to fear, oppression, confusion, or limitation. He was formed in the image of God and entrusted with authority.

Before there was conflict, there was creation. Before there was warfare, there was purpose. Before man ever faced the serpent, God had already spoken destiny over him.

Many believers are saved but still live as victims because they do not understand their spiritual authority in Christ.

The enemy's strategy has always been to make people forget who they are. If he cannot destroy your creation, he will try to distort your identity. If he cannot remove your calling, he will try to convince you that you have none.

But hear this clearly:

- You were not designed to be ruled by chaos.
- You were not born to bow to darkness.
- You were not redeemed to live powerless.

You were created to carry Heaven's influence into the earth.

Recovering Our God-Given Authority

1. **Remember Who Created You – You Were Made for Dominion, Not Defeat.** Before the enemy ever appeared, God had already spoken purpose over your life. **Genesis 1:26** "Let Us make man in Our image... let them have dominion..." **You were created in His image, carrying dignity, identity, and authority.** Defeat is not your original design. **Ephesians 2:10** - "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works..."
Declaration: I declare that every lie of inferiority, weakness, and defeat is broken off your life. You were not created to survive under pressure—you were created to reign under God.
2. **Remember What Was Stolen – The Battle Is Often Over Identity.** The enemy's first weapon was deception. He seeks to make you forget who you are, doubt what God said, and live beneath your calling. **If he cannot destroy you, he will try to confuse you.** **Genesis 3:1** "Has God indeed said...?" I declare that every cloud of confusion is lifting. Every false identity is breaking. You will not live by the voice of the serpent - you will live by the Word of God. **John 10:10** "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy..."
3. **Remember What Christ Restored – Walk in Your Authority Today.** Jesus did not only save you from sin; **He restored access, identity, and authority.** Through Christ, you are no longer powerless. You are called to walk in obedience, victory, and spiritual

confidence. **Isaiah 61:1** "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me..." I prophesy that what was buried is rising again in your life - boldness, purpose, confidence, and authority. You will no longer bow to darkness; darkness will bow before Christ in you. **Luke 10:19** "Behold, I give you authority... over all the power of the enemy..."

In Conclusion

Beloved, this is the hour to recover what Heaven declared over your life from the beginning. You were never created to live under fear, confusion, oppression, or defeat. Before the enemy attacked, God had already assigned purpose. Before warfare began, God had already spoken dominion. Before the serpent deceived, Heaven had already declared identity.

1) Prayer for Identity Restoration Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in His own image..."

Prayer: Father, restore my understanding of who You created me to be. Remove every lie, label, and false identity placed on my life. Let me see myself through Your eyes and walk in confidence, dignity, and purpose.

2) Prayer for Authority Over Darkness - Luke 10:19 "Behold, I give you authority... over all the power of the enemy."

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I receive the authority You have given me. Every power of fear, oppression, confusion, and bondage must bow. I declare victory over every work of darkness operating against my life and household.

3) Prayer for Purpose and Forward Movement Philippians 3:13-14 "Forgetting those things which are behind... I press toward the goal..."

Prayer: Holy Spirit, align my steps with Heaven's purpose. Deliver me from delay, distraction, and discouragement. Empower me to move forward boldly into the assignment God has prepared for me.