

POWER ACADEMY

Switching On Your Faith

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1. Your past is irrelevant; God can still use you, regardless of mistakes that you have made.
 - a. We must stop listening to the lies of the enemy regarding our identity.
 - b. Eve was told the same lie, “You must *do something* in order to be like God.”
 - c. The truth is, we have already been created in the image of God: we are already like God! (Genesis 1:26).
 - d. Our authority as believers doesn’t change just because we mess up. It is a positional authority based on our identity as children of the Most High God. Nothing you do in this life can change the position of your authority.

2. We need to learn how to use the authority we have.
 - a. It’s like having a nice, shiny toolkit but not knowing how to use any of them.
 - b. We can take a lot of comfort from Moses, because he was a whiner, full of excuses.
 - c. What was more real to Moses was all of his past failure, but what was more real to God was all of his potential!
 - d. We can't let our past failures keep us from reaching our full potential.

3. Moses learned to use his authority.
 - a. Moses has led the Israelites out of Egypt, but Pharaoh has changed his mind, and it seemed as though they are trapped between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army.
 - b. Exodus 14:12 (MEV) – *“¹² Is not this the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”*
 - c. Moses had authority—they had seen God deliver them from the plagues in Egypt, but they were not established in that authority.
 - d. If we are not established in our authority, when faced with a challenging situation, we will be tempted to go back to what was familiar, rather than using our authority.
 - e. Exodus 14:13-14 (MEV) – *“¹³ But Moses said to the people, ‘Fear not! Stand firm! And see the salvation of the Lord, which He will show you today. For the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The Lord shall fight for you, while you hold your peace.’”*
 - Peace comes from knowing who you are in Christ.
 - We have to settle in our souls (mind/will/emotions) what we know is true in our spirits. (Colossians 3:15).

- What is seen is temporary! Look at your giants and say, “You’re temporary!”
 - 2 Corinthians 4:18 – *“While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”*
 - If nothing else, you can have comfort in knowing that you will spend eternity in paradise! This is all temporary, and the Lord is fighting for you.
- f. Moses is giving his speech in authority and boldness, to rally the people!
- Exodus 14:15-18 – *“¹⁵ The Lord said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry out to Me? Speak to the children of Israel, so that they go forward. ¹⁶ And as for you, lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it; then the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.’”*
 - The Lord is asking Moses here, “Why are you asking me to do something for you that I’ve already given you the authority to do?”
 - It is very common for believers to cry out to the Lord and beg Him to do something for Him, when the whole time He has already given us the authority over every situation.
 - Just like raising children, a natural part of maturity is to begin to do things for themselves, rather than the parents doing everything for them.
 - So, although you may not do it all perfectly, you must begin to practice using your authority.
4. When we understand our authority, other people will begin to notice.
- a. Can you imagine a well-trained pilot asking permission from a flight attendant every time he wants to use a control in the cockpit?
 - b. Authority is not an emotion. You may not *feel* confident, but it doesn’t change the fact that you have authority.
 - c. No one can use your authority for you.
5. When we understand our authority, we will walk differently.
- a. Mark 5:1-18 – The Story of the Demonic
 - b. Demons have no authority over us, and demonic forces are the easiest thing to get rid of.
 - c. Mark 5:4 says, “...No one could subdue him.” He had not yet met anyone with authority.
 - d. The world hasn’t met someone with authority yet! As believers, we need to use our authority.
 - e. The power of the enemy will isolate you!
 - f. Even if someone has been overtaken by the enemy, it still doesn’t have the power to stop them from throwing themselves at the feet of Jesus.

- g. The pigs were smart enough that they didn't want to live with demons in them! But the demons understood that without a body, they had no place on the earth at all.
- h. When demonic influences come into the presence of authority, they have to flee, and then people are left in their right minds. Peace and deliverance come.
- i. The demoniac became clothed after the demons were cast out of him. Clothing represents identity.

6. Jesus Walked in Authority

- a. Jesus knew who He was, so He was able to walk in authority.
- b. Luke 4:36 – *“They were all amazed and said among themselves, ‘What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.’”*
- c. People noticed that the words Jesus spoke had power and authority, and that when He spoke, the demons left.
- d. You also have power and authority to subdue the works of the enemy (1 John 4:17).

7. Jesus' Response to Temptation: Luke 4:1-13

- a. First, the devil called Jesus' identity into question.
- b. Then he tempted Jesus where He was most vulnerable at the time: His flesh was hungry.
- c. Then he challenged Jesus to *prove* His identity. But we don't have to do anything to prove our identity.
- d. Luke 10:20 – *“Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”*
- e. Authority is a byproduct of our identity. It is far more valuable to know your identity, that your name is written in heaven, because your authority flows from that.
- f. Jesus' response was “It is written...” He used the Scripture to rebuke the enemy.
Scripture is the deployment of our authority.
- g. Speak the Word of God over your situation, rather than being overwhelmed by it.
- h. Jesus responded to Him, “Get behind me, satan!”
- i. The enemy knows the Scriptures, so he will try to twist it and take it out of context, that you have to prove something.

8. Conclusion

- a. We have authority.
- b. We must use our authority.
- c. The way we use our authority is by speaking the Word of God.
- d. The more we understand our true identity—who we are in Christ—the more naturally that authority will exude from us.

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