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**Healing Chapter 2 Lesson 6**

Lesson: The Authority to Heal

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### 1. Authority Marked Jesus' Ministry

- a. There are many examples of Jesus using His authority to heal.
- b. When we walk into the room as born-again believers, we are carrying the authority of Christ, and that should change things.
- c. Matthew 7:28-29 – *And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, <sup>29</sup>for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*
  - One of the first things people noticed about Jesus is He didn't sound like the other teachers; He had authority that they hadn't seen before, an authority that was tangible.
- d. Matthew 9:5-8 – *"For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? <sup>6</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."<sup>7</sup> And he arose and departed to his house. <sup>8</sup>Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.*
  - When we are operating in the gifts of the Spirit, the authority of God is clearly evident in the demonstration.
  - People get to see firsthand the power of God and it brings glory to God.
- e. Matthew 9:35 – *Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*
- f. Authority and power comes from the Word of God.
  - Signs follow the preaching of the Word (Mark 16:20).

### 2. We Have Authority

- a. We are created in the image of God and He has given us His name, His likeness, His nature and His authority.
- b. When we speak the Word of God, we are using the authority of God Himself.
- c. Psalm 8:5-6 AMPC – *Yet You have made him but a little lower than God [or heavenly beings], and You have crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup>You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.*
  - Psalm 8:5-6 MSG (emphasis added) – *Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods, bright with Eden's dawn light. You put us in charge of your handcrafted world, repeated to us your Genesis-charge.*
- d. What was the Genesis charge?
  - Genesis 1:26 – *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our*

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*likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

- Dominion (Hebrew *radah*) means to rule and reign, to put in place, to prevail against or dominate. Adam and Eve were supposed to rule and reign in authority over the earth.
- God did not give the created animals the same authority that He gave to Adam and Eve.
- Satan tricked Adam and Eve into giving their authority on the earth over to him. They lost their God-given authority when they submitted to the lie.
- When Jesus came, He restored to mankind the authority that man had given up.

### 3. Authority Works By Submission

- a. Jesus lives on the inside of every believer. Where you go, Jesus goes! His authority is always with us.
- b. We don't lack authority, but when authority isn't working it is sometimes because we have submitted to the wrong thing.
- c. Jesus was a man in submission to the authority of His Father (John 5:19). He only did and said what He saw and heard the Father doing and saying.
- d. James 4:7 – *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*
  - When we submit to God, it gives us the ability to resist the devil so that he will flee from us.
- e. This word "submission" has been used negatively. But submission is very powerful.
- f. No one can force you to submit; it is an act of your free will.
- g. Submission cannot be judged by outward actions. One can do all the right things yet not be submitted in the heart.
  - Obedience is a fruit of submission, but you can be obedient without being submitted.
- h. One of the reasons that it "doesn't work" when we use our authority is because we are being obedient—we are saying and doing all the "right" things—but we aren't truly submitted to God and His Word.
- i. Before He went to the cross, Jesus said, "Not My will, but Yours, be done." He made a free-will choice to submit to the will of the Father.
  - Submission isn't, "Oh, I really want to do that." It is choosing to place someone else's will above your own will.
  - The word submit means to become subject to.
  - Jesus was submitted to the Father in His heart and that is what caused Him to walk in such authority on the earth.

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## 4. Submit to God

- a. Independence and free will is a big deal in our society, but if we are not submitted to the Father, we will not walk in authority.
- b. When we choose to submit our will to the power of God, it protects us from the power of the enemy and causes him to run away.
- c. Matthew 8:7-10 – *And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."*<sup>8</sup> *The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed."*<sup>9</sup> *For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."*<sup>10</sup> *When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"*
  - This military man understood the power and authority that came from submission.
  - It was rare that someone would understand this principle, and that is why all Jesus had to do was speak the Word and his servant was healed.
- d. The voices that we listen to are the ones that we will submit to.
  - Adam and Eve listened to the serpent's lie, and then accepted and submitted to what they heard.
- e. The Greek word for submit is *hypotasso* which means to become subordinate, to obey, to yield to one's admonition or advice; a voluntary attitude of giving in and cooperating, assuming responsibility and carrying a burden. It is a military term which means to arrange in a troop under a commanding leader.
- f. When we realize that we have the authority to make a difference in a situation, it comes with a sense of responsibility.
- g. To have the ability to change a situation but not act would be egregious.
  - Interestingly, God is accused of doing this same thing: "I know that God *can* heal, but sometimes He chooses not to." This is accusing God of child abuse!
- h. God has given us authority to subdue the works of the enemy. For us to have that authority and not use it is almost rebellion.

## 5. God's Word First Place

- a. As Christians, none of us intend to rebel against God! But if we want to walk in this kind of authority, we need to **place God's Word as the highest truth and authority in our lives.**
- b. "No, Lord" is an oxymoron! If you have made Him your Lord, then the response to His Word should always be, "Yes, Lord!"
- c. God loves us so much; we can trust every command He gives us because it is always for our good!

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- d. The law demanded outward obedience, but people could still have rebellion in their hearts.
- e. This is why Saul lost his position as king of Israel. He was not submitted to God, and was submitted more to the people. Samuel said to him, *“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry”* (1 Samuel 15:23).
- f. The end result of an unsubmitted heart is rebellion and pride.
- g. James 4:6 – *But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.”*
- h. Our heart attitude affects our ability to operate in authority, resisting the devil and making him flee.
- i. A submitted heart is a humble heart. If we have pride in our hearts, we will be submitted to the wrong things.
- j. To walk in authority, we must be submitted to the Word of God.

### 6. Jesus Gave Us His Authority

- a. Matthew 9:35-10:1 – *Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease <sup>[a]</sup>among the people. <sup>36</sup> But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. <sup>38</sup> Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”* 10 <sup>1</sup> *And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.*
- b. Jesus had compassion and saw that laborers were needed, and in the very next verse gave that power and authority to His disciples to use His authority to do the works He had been doing.
- c. When we submit to God—not our will, but Yours, be done—we will be directed. Obedience is a *fruit* of submission. We will want to do what He tells us to do when we are submitted.
- d. Matthew 10:7-8 – *And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.*
  - There is a “going”. One way we know our hearts are submitted is that we will be going, preaching and healing!

### 7. Repentance

- a. If you realize that your heart has not been submitted to God, you can easily correct by repenting. “Lord, I’m sorry: I submit my will to Your will!”

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- b. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you in your situation.
- c. Get back into the Word of God and keep it the main thing!
- d. Plug back into the power source, and you will see a greater desire to obey and the ability to walk in power and authority in greater ways.
- e. Maintain a submitted and humble heart and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth, developing a healthy relationship with God.

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