Authority Begins with Belonging

Walk in confidence rooted in Christ, with humility, prayer, and discernment.

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PRIMARY SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 1:19–23; Ephesians 6:10–18

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

Colossians 2:13–15; James 4:7; Luke 10:17–20; Ephesians 2:6

READ TEACHING

Paul’s account of spiritual authority begins with the exaltation of Jesus. Ephesians 1 describes Christ above every rule and authority. Ephesians 2 then places believers in relationship with Him. Our confidence arises from His victory, not from a special status detached from His character.

Ephesians 6 calls us to be strong in the Lord. Its picture of warfare emphasizes truth, righteousness, readiness, faith, salvation, the word of God, and prayer. The passage does not give us permission to dominate people or to treat every disagreement as demonic opposition.

In Luke 10, the disciples report spiritual authority, but Jesus directs their deepest joy toward belonging to God. Power must never replace love. A ministry of deliverance should preserve dignity, consent, and pastoral care. It should not make unverified accusations or promise that every illness or distress has a spiritual cause.

The Finished Work calls us to stand in what Christ has done while continuing to obey, pray, and care for one another. Ephesians 2:6 gives a foundation for confidence; it does not make us all-knowing.

Read Ephesians 6:10–18 in full. Name the truth you need to hold, the faithful action before you, and the person for whom you will pray. Bring fear to Christ without building your life around the enemy.

KEY REVELATION POINTS

Christ is the source of authority; believers remain dependent on Him.

Spiritual warfare is framed by truth, righteousness, faith, Scripture, and prayer.

Jesus directed His disciples to rejoice in their belonging, not merely in power.

TEACHING / SERMON OUTLINE

1. Establish Christ’s exaltation.

2. Connect identity with dependence on Him.

3. Explain the armor of God in its context.

4. Practice prayer without spectacle or fear.

YOUR POSITION IN CHRIST

“and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” - Ephesians 2:6 NKJV

Read all passages in context. Use this handout for personal study, group discussion, or sermon preparation.