

# COURAGE TO USE YOUR *Spiritual Authority*



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We all have authority, whether we know it or not. God has authorized every believer to walk through life in victory, but faith is required to take hold of what we've been given. External pressure will be applied against us in this area. Sometimes in addition to faith, we also need the courage to use our spiritual authority when things look scary.

This happened to Peter one night when he and the other disciples were on a boat and they saw Jesus walking on the water toward them during a storm. Jesus authorized Peter to step out of the boat and walk toward Him; he *did*, just before he saw the frightening situation around him and sunk. *"But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"* (Matthew 14:30, 31).

The problem was that although Peter initially had faith, what he saw with his physical eyes contradicted that faith. We can run into the same situation if we let doubt cancel our faith.

Doubt is a moment of fear, and fear tolerated is faith contaminated. Jesus was walking on top of a situation that could have killed the disciples; He gave His authority over the situation to Peter, who was able to take that authority only by faith. We all have situations in our lives that have

the potential to kill us, if we let them. Despite our fears, however, we can walk on top of the situations if we fully believe, with no doubt, that God has authorized us to do so.

Walking in our authority means we can walk on top of sickness, debt, lack, and anything else that's less than God's best for us. We already have the ability to command the situation; the question is whether we have the courage to use that ability to do what Jesus commanded. The Bible makes it very clear. *"And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease...Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give"* (Matthew 10:1, 8). As long as we keep our eyes on Jesus, and not on the turbulence around us, we'll be able to carry out God's will.

With this in mind, we need to ask ourselves what, or who, we're focusing on. There are plenty of negative circumstances around us clamoring for our attention; focusing on them creates fear that dilutes our faith and causes us to sink. On the other hand, remembering the authority we have as believers empowers us to continue *walking* in faith instead of having just a short burst of faith.

The number one reason people don't receive from God is that they don't operate in their authority. It's God's will for us to have power over the evil things in life, but His will doesn't automatically come to pass without our involvement. We take our authority by faith. Things we want to see in our lives will never happen if we let doubt and fear get in the way. We've been authorized to receive healing, prosperity, success, peace, and joy for ourselves; we have to *believe* this. *"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you"* (Luke 10:19).

We have power over everything that comes from the devil. There is therefore no reason we should tolerate being "broke, busted, and disgusted" like so many others. The church needs to know this and put it into practice; this is how we stand out from the world. We don't have to run away from Satan or be afraid of him; he's already been defeated.

We'll always encounter resistance to walking in the authority Jesus gave us. That's because our enemy comes to kill, steal, and destroy, but Jesus came that we may have life, and have it more abundantly. We must *never* forget the power we wield.

Taffi and I love you and pray for you every day. May the blessing of God be on you and your family. Remember, Jesus is Lord, and *"...in all of your getting, get understanding."*

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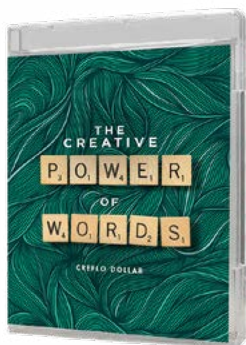
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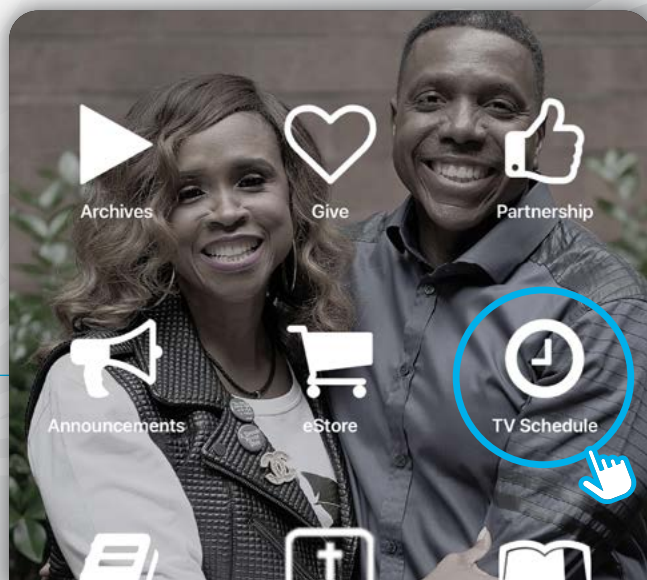
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Some elderly, disabled, and sick individuals could not leave their apartments to come get the water, so the church began bringing it to them by car. The difficulty of the situation intensified with a shortage of fuel that was only available at

skyrocketing prices.

"It was not an easy period," said Pastor Andriy\*. He said these circumstances caused people reassess their values. "We began to really appreciate things we did not before the war."

A bit like the Biblical widow whose oil did not run out, but continued to flow to fill all her containers (2 Kings 4), the church rejoiced to receive a fresh water supply provided by Samaritan's Purse.

"When people found out that a well would be drilled and a filtration system installed, they couldn't believe it," Pastor Andriy said. "You have to see the people to understand how grateful they are, they won't stop expressing their gratitude. Even in the outlying neighbourhoods, people stop us to say thank you for this water."

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