

## Title: The Authority of Heaven

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Tomorrow is a new day, January 1, 2024. Hallelujah. Everybody say, "For such a time as this." Created, formed and fashioned in this time for the Lord. We want to be encouraged in the Lord, and we want to be strengthened in His faith. I am going to give you what the Spirit has given me for today. He is encouraging our faith.

### Matthew 8:5-13 NKJV

This is such a glorious testimony of the grace and mercy of God. This Roman centurion, obviously had witnessed, had known, had seen and heard about Jesus and the ministry and power He was walking in. Being one in authority, he understands rank and order in authority. Being one over many, and having soldiers under him, he understands commands. He understands that when he says, "go," they go. He said he understands when he says, "come," they come, and when he says, "do this," he knows his servant is going to do it. He understands what authority looks like. He is a man of authority and under authority. From this perspective we see this miracle.

The Lord did not have to include this knowledge of the testimony of this centurion. He could have just been another person who came forward and believed the Lord to heal. But, He acknowledges him, a Gentile who is a Roman centurion, so we can see His role and function. Holy Ghost was manifesting the revelation knowledge of the authority of the Christ, Jesus. This man perceived that Jesus was under authority and had authority. Holy Spirit was not in this man. You understand? But, Holy Spirit was manifesting the Kingdom. Holy Spirit was manifesting the Kingdom and revelation knowledge of the Christ to this centurion. We stand in awe of this today. Jesus "marveled," scripture says, in verse 10.

### Matthew 8:10

He is always teaching us and those who are following Him and His word. He says, "Pay attention. Look at this. Observe this. I have not found such great faith in all of Israel." This is powerful, and it is kind of a rebuke at the same time. He is caught up in the joy of the Holy Spirit, and how He is manifesting Christ's authority here, to those who are not even in covenant with Him, but they have a great need. He is marveling at the goodness of God. He is proclaiming and testifying and blessing this man, saying that, "He has great faith." Jesus is the "Man of faith." He is Faith. He is the Word. Jesus always believes. Amen. He is acknowledging this.

### Matthew 8:11-12

Out of this atmosphere, Jesus begins to prophesy in this sphere and realm while in the glory presence of what He called, "great faith." Because, if you think about that, it is a shocking statement. Even though the prophets prophesied, through Isaiah, that the Gentiles will come in, He is bringing that to the "now," moment through this atmosphere of glory, power and authority. He declares that, "many will come." Then states the negative side of the prophecy, "But, the sons of the Kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." He is alluding to the "sons," that will not believe in Him. They will not believe that He is the Christ and that He is the Messiah. Truth! Say, "amen."

### Matthew 8:13

Jesus turns to the man. He is marveling. He is astonished with what God is saying here. He is a marveling at this man's great faith. He is marveling at what the Holy Spirit wants to do. He is

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ushering in that presence. Then Jesus says to him, “Go your way, and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” That is the atmosphere of Heaven. “Be it done to you, according to your word.” I have not found such great faith. Out of the Word Himself, He declares, “Go your way, and as you have believed.” Obviously according to his words, because the Centurion says, “You just say the word.” So, you see that he was believing in his heart, and what came out of his heart, then came out of his mouth, “Say the word. That is all you have to do. You do not even have to come to the house.” Do you understand? “You do not even have to tangibly come here, just say the word. Give the command. Proclaim the order. It shall be done.” That is amazing. “His servant was healed that same hour.”

Matthew 15:21-28 “*Jesus heals a Gentile woman’s daughter. A Gentile shows her faith.*”

How good is the Lord! “Walking along the way, going around doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” Staying within the boundaries that the Father had told Him to do. He was sent to the Jew first, to Israel, His people. Yet, the glory of God was expanding from the east to the west, and all the areas in between. Wherever the Christ went, the glory of the Lord was manifesting. Some saw it, some recognized it, and some felt something different than what they knew with the false gods that they had been serving. Some saw something in Him, that they had not known.

There was no hope *before*. There was no hope for God to come for the Roman centurion for His servant, or to this woman for her daughter. There was no hope for them. You have to understand the setting. There was no hope. They had no covenant with God. But, the Word was manifesting from Heaven in their midst. By the grace of God, they saw it, and they laid hold of it. They stepped into His sphere of authority. They stepped into His sphere of compassion, mercy and healing. They stepped into His authority, from Heaven, through the Word, on their dirt, in their realm, and in their sufferings. He stayed faithful to what He was called to do. Then He prophesies and He declares the truth. It is going to influence everyone around them. Literally changing and birthing something from that place, that would literally go unto the ends of the Earth.

Today, we do not have Jesus right here in front of us. We have Him in us now. Amen. Yet, what grace and mercy has come to us that we might be able to believe on Jesus, as the Holy One, Christ the Messiah, sent from God. Amen! The same atmosphere exists today. Jesus is the Word made manifest. The power of God, how glorious! Great faith! We teach in our school of ministry about all the different ways that faith is represented in the Scripture. Only two times is it stated here through Christ, of “great faith.” They relied on His word. All He had to do was say it. They say, “I know you hear me, and you see my heart and my condition.” Not letting go of that anointing that He carried, they were totally drawing into themselves, the Kingdom of Heaven, even when they were not permitted to enter. He says, “*O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.*” Go your way. As you have believed, let it be done for you.

Matthew 14:22-33 “*Jesus walks on the sea.*”

As if it was “just your normal every day with Christ,” right? Just going to “*walk on the sea.*” Hallelujah. This is a beautiful testimony, that the Lord truly set up, right? It is a setup. It is a divine Holy Ghost setup. Every where this Man goes, the Kingdom of Heaven and Glory is going to manifest. I think He just had a lot of fun doing this. I think He had a lot of joy in this, knowing full well what God was able to do and would do. We love this story. We love this testimony. We often try to put ourselves in the same picture. Most often we come up short, thinking, “Oh, there is no way I would have ever gotten out of that boat!”

But, this is the atmosphere that the Lord Jesus brings with Him. You see, this is Kingdom authority that He brings with Him. If He chooses to walk across the sea, the authority of

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Heaven is going to encompass that sea. Everything on the sea is going to bow to the Word of Faith, to the Word of God, to the Christ, to the Messiah, to the Son of the living God. Everything has opportunity to shift, because He chose at the fourth watch of the night to walk on the sea.

You know, we may say, "After supper, I am going for a little walk." But, none of us I am sure have said, "I am going for a little walk on the Concho River, right?" I am just saying. This Man knows exactly who He is and what He is doing. Wherever He goes, the Spirit of God is expectant to do what the Word will do, and He is influencing these disciples of His. They are used to hearing about people seeing ghosts of those departed to death by drowning as told in tales and stories of the seas, that their spirits would come back as demons to torment. They were familiar with that. But, they were not familiar with the God Man walking on the water. So I love His joy in saying, "Be of good cheer. It is me. Don't be afraid." Here is the glory. Peter said, "Lord, if it is you." He is testing the spirit. He is testing the voice. He has seen what he is seeing right now. "If it is you, command me to come." Sound familiar? The centurion says, "Say the word." That's it. The woman cried out, "I see who you are. You are the fullness of mercy and compassion. I know that you can do this. Be it done to me, according to your word." That's it.

"Command me to come to you on the water." Who does that! That is the atmosphere of Heaven and Kingdom authority. Peter was just caught up in it. Yet, we are going to see there was way more that God intended here. The Lord is so faithful. "Come," He will never tell us, "No." He won't. I think the Word says that, "He is the Yes and Amen." Saying, "Come, step into My dominion. Come walk with me. Come." Peter came out of the boat, and it says, "*He walked on the water to go to Jesus.*" Hallelujah. This is real. He walked on the water to go to Jesus. Then he took his eyes off of Jesus, as humans do. He saw that the wind was boisterous, and Peter became afraid. He began to sink immediately. That is when he began to sink, because that is what fear does to you. But, he cried out to the Lord, "Save me." That was the cry of the others that I just read to you about. "Help us. Save us." Because, "Apart from you, we can do nothing." Correct. "Save me, Lord." I love this, "Immediately, Jesus, stretched out His hand and caught him."

He did not say, "Oh, great is your faith." He did not say that. You say, "Are you serious? Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water. That looks like great faith to me." No, where He was coming from in His goodness and grace was, "You have little faith. Why did you doubt?" Because that is the reality of humans. That is the reality of where Jesus is bringing the supernatural to our flesh. We have to step out in faith and walk towards the Lord. Hear His word to us and say, "Be it done to us according to your word." God wants us to walk in great faith. None of us degrade Peter here. If you do, you need to repent. When you walk on water, then we will talk about it. To me, this is great faith, but he just took his eyes off of Christ. That is all. In that, the Lord uses these moments to teach us all to this day. "Oh, you have little faith. Why did you doubt?" Correct?

The glory here is not only that Jesus saved him, but when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Heaven's atmosphere is settling the storm. Heaven is invading the boat. Heaven is coming to do something new amongst them. He is training them up in the ways of the Kingdom. He knows exactly what He is doing. Everything is a teachable moment with Jesus, everything. You have heard the old saying, "Don't waste your trials." Everything can be turned around for good for those who believe and for those who seek His face. Saying, "I know God you are doing something glorious in me. I have no idea what you are doing. But, you are doing a good work. I believe it." Yes! "Command me to come to you on the water." What a statement of faith! Say, "Be it done to me according to your word."

Luke 1:26-29

“Why have you come to me? Why are you here?” She knew the lowly state of who she is. “Why have you come to me?” She did not doubt that he was Gabriel. But said, “Why have you come to me?”

Luke 1:30-31

Gabriel greets her and brings Heaven with him to her and settles the fear that humans have with the supernatural. He said, “You have found favor with God, Mary.” Then he proclaims God's word to her. The angel is the messenger. The angel brings the Word of the Lord. The angel brings the Word of the Lord. Why? Because, God said to. That is why. God chose it to be this way. Hallelujah. Because, the Word of God was about to be conceived in her womb. The Word sends the angel, and look at the prophecy.

Luke 1:32-33

What authority! What Kingdom Revelation is coming to this young woman.

Luke 1:34-38

She received it. The atmosphere of Heaven comes to this woman, and He tells her how this is going to take place. The Holy Spirit will come upon her, and the power of the Most High will overshadow her. The Seed of God will be planted in her by the Holy Ghost. The angel prophesied more about Elizabeth, “who had conceived in her old age,” which is miraculous. “She who was called “barren,” is in her sixth month.”

Look at all of these impossibilities. God's heart and plan all along was to manifest the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. He had to come to His own first, from which He would come from. This is powerful testimony. If the angel says, “With God, nothing will be impossible.” I think we might want to listen to the angels. Amen. Angels represent, present and carry the word of the Lord at the bidding of the Holy Ghost. “With God, nothing will be impossible.” You see this faith? Great faith, great faith. We are not drawn to a comment or statement that “Mary, great is your faith.” You see the opposite from Mary, “Behold, the maid servant of the Lord, be it done to me according to your word.” Amen. She states this, so the angel is able to go in peace.

Luke 2:25-32 “*Simeon sees God's salvation.*”

The Spirit of God led Him there in this very moment. He is quoting the prophets. He is quoting the spoken Word of God, under the inspiration of the Kingdom of Heaven, manifesting at eight days old. The Spirit of grace and supplication is coming to say, “Now surely you can go in peace, because you have seen the fulfillment of my Father's promise, not only to Israel, but to the world, and to the Gentiles and those who would believe.” What a miracle! What power! His call had been to literally intercede, decree, pray, worship God and declare what God was saying. He was obedient, just and devout.

Matthew 16:13-19 “*Peter confesses, Jesus as the Christ*”

Yes, “*the Father.*” This is revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ, “*the Father says.*” Then Jesus continues. He says, “I say to you,” Jesus is talking now, “*this is what my Father gave to you.*” Now based on this revelation, here is the foundation. Now, “*I say to you,*” the Christ says to him now. The Messiah speaks to him now and says, “*You are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church.*” His ecclesia, His government, His way to rule, and bring the Kingdom of Heaven to the Earth. Hallelujah! He goes on to tell him, “Don't worry, hell is bound. What you bind is bound and what you lose is loosed. What is permitted in Heaven, shall be granted on Earth. What is not allowed in Heaven, shall not be allowed on Earth.”

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What authority! What authority that the Son of God is choosing to give to these in His midst! This is amazing. The same one that stepped out of the boat and onto the water. Hallelujah! Is the Church of Jesus Christ supposed to walk in great faith? Is the Church of Jesus Christ supposed to lay hold and stand on the foundation that has been laid through His Word, Christ Himself? Should we walk with great faith? Should we take Him at His word? Should we have faith *in* His compassion, His mercy, His faithfulness to the Gentiles? He is bringing Kingdom authority. He is breathing Kingdom revelation. Here we are, Lord!

Here are scriptures for you to read. Psalm 119:9, 25, 28, 41, 58, 65, 76, 107, 116, 154, 169

Psalms 119:9 "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to your word."

Psalms 119:25 "My soul clings to the dust; revive me according to your word."

Psalms 119:28 "My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to your word."

Psalms 119:41 "Let your mercies come also to me, O Lord; your salvation according to your word."

Psalms 119:58 "I entreated your favor with my whole heart; be merciful to me according to your word."

Psalms 119:65 "You have dealt well with your servant, O Lord, according to your word."

Psalms 119:76 "Let, I pray, your merciful kindness be for my comfort; according to your word to your servant."

Psalms 119:107 "I am afflicted very much; revive me, O Lord, according to your word."

Psalms 119:116 "Uphold me according to your word, that I may live; do not let me be ashamed of my hope."

Psalms 119:154 "Plead my cause and redeem me; revive me according to your word."

Psalms 119:169 "Let my cry come before you, O Lord; give me understanding according to your word."

This is His desire, that we would have revelation knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Ears open, eyes that see, and a heart that responds and knows. "May it be done to me according to your Word. Speak your Word, and your servant shall prosper. Command you me concerning the work of my hands," God has said. The Word of God made manifest to not only dwell within us, but to operate with, in and through us to bring hope and healing in every work that He did *on* this planet while it is called today.

Let's stand. We are going to pray that He would bring a new impartation to all of us who hear His heart today, in the Kingdom Authority today, and the Word of God in His compassion and mercy. Amen.

"Father, we honor your Word. You sent your Word and healed all of our diseases. You sent your Word made manifest in the flesh, to deliver us from evil. You sent your Word to take our sin upon Himself. By His stripes, and by His wounds, we are healed. You sent your Word to incur the wrath of God, so that we can be forgiven and come into the Kingdom of Heaven as He prophesied. You sent your Word to deliver us and to give us shalom peace and wholeness. Lord, you sent your Word to do miracles in our midst, of which there is no hope from us. No hope for us. But, you have given us your promise. We stand on the rock and on the foundation of Jesus Christ, knowing in Whom we have believed. You are faithful and true. As we meditate on these words, and we cry out to you God in our distress, you hear us. You eagerly come to us, and we receive that the Kingdom of Heaven is manifesting now, and forevermore, until we see you face to face. Seal it in our hearts, Lord. Awaken great faith. In Jesus' name, amen.

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