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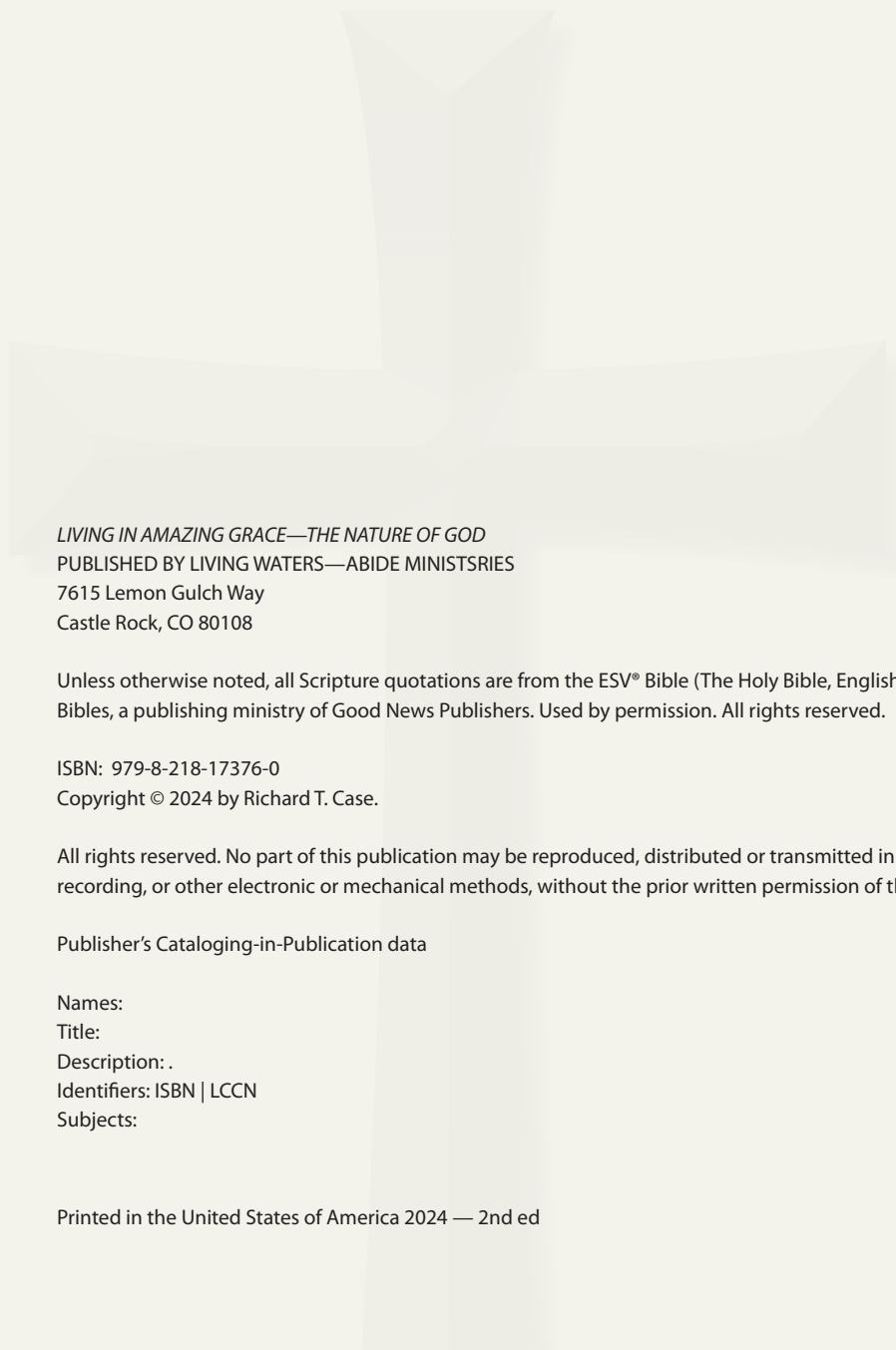


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# LESSON 1: WHAT IS THE AUTHORITY AND SUPERNATURAL WORK OF GOD?



**"God has the authority, and we just pray that He exercises it. We hope He does. Sometimes He does. Sometimes He doesn't."**

**From this scripture, write the basis for which God created all things. What does this mean regarding His authority, and why is this important to us?**

### **Read Genesis 1:1-3:**

The Creation of the World

**1** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**3** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

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**What does "We are created in His image" mean? To whom did God give His authority? Why is this so significant as we understand how life on Earth was intended? What then was our role to be? Why?**

### **Read Genesis 1:26:**

**26** Then God said, "Let us make man<sup>[a]</sup> in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

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**In the following two sets of verses, how do they describe God’s Kingdom and His dominion (authority)? Why is this so significant to what life is available to us?**

**Read Daniel 4:34–35:**

Nebuchadnezzar Restored

<sup>34</sup> At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever,

for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;

<sup>35</sup> all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,  
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven  
and among the inhabitants of the earth;

and none can stay his hand  
or say to him, “What have you done?”

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### Read Jude 24–25:

#### Doxology

<sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time<sup>[a]</sup> and now and forever. Amen.

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**How is this authority to be demonstrated and reflected? What does that mean for how we are to live out His life here on Earth? Why?**

### Read Psalm 45:8–14:

<sup>8</sup> your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.  
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad;

<sup>9</sup> daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor;  
at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:  
forget your people and your father's house,

<sup>11</sup> and the king will desire your beauty.

Since he is your lord, bow to him.

<sup>12</sup> The people<sup>[a]</sup> of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,  
the richest of the people.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>13</sup> All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.

<sup>14</sup> In many-colored robes she is led to the king,  
with her virgin companions following behind her.

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**From the following two sets of verses, what are the exceptional elements of what life intended for followers of God to live out? Why is this so significant to the definition of the life we are now to live out?**

**Read Genesis 1:26–31:**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man<sup>[a]</sup> in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”<sup>29</sup> And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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### Read Genesis 2:15:

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

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**Review and respond to the following three sets of verses. Though God established His original exceptional life for His children in a perfect place that was intended to be extended to all the Earth, what happened that this was interrupted and lost? Because of this, who then has the authority? As now we understand why receiving and exercising authority is a part of our current life, why is this so significant? Who gave the authority to the enemy?**

### Read Genesis 3:7; 22–24:

<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat and live forever—" <sup>23</sup> therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup> He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

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### Read Luke 4:5–8:

<sup>5</sup> And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”

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### Read 1 John 5:18–20:

<sup>18</sup> We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

<sup>19</sup> We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

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**What was the work that Jesus finished? Why was it necessary? How then are we to join Him in this work? Why?**

**Read John 17:1–5:**

The High Priestly Prayer

**17** When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

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From the following three sets of verses, describe the elements of God's authority that will make an impact on how we are to live in this world controlled by the enemy. Why are these so significant to us?

**Read Genesis 3:14–15:**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent,  
"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring[a] and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel."

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**Read Colossians 2:11–15:**

<sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities<sup>[a]</sup> and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.<sup>[b]</sup>

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**Read Matthew 28:1–8; 18–20:**

The Resurrection

**28** Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he<sup>[a]</sup> lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”<sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>[a]</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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**Though we are called to live in His Kingdom and exercise authority, what problem do we have as having fallen and who live with a sin nature? Why is this such an issue then for us living out the life of God's authority to restoration?**

**Read Romans 6:15–16; 7:14–23:**

Slaves to Righteousness

<sup>15</sup> What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace?

By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves,<sup>[a]</sup> you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

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## HOW DO WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S AUTHORITY, ESPECIALLY WHEN NEEDING TO HAVE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES RESTORED?



**"Remember, God says He created the world by His authority—what He spoke, so His spiritual power is always superior to the material, to the natural."**

**From what has God promised to restore us to His exceptional life? Why do we have these issues (world under the control of enemy and our sin nature)? How will He be able to restore us since we have a problem of the sin nature and the world is so difficult? Why is this important for us to live this out?**

### **Read Isaiah 61:1–4:**

The Year of the LORD'S Favor

**61** The Spirit of the LORD GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor;<sup>[a]</sup>

he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

<sup>3</sup> to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

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**What are the important elements of God's dominion? Why are these to be experienced by us then? Why?**

**Read 1 Chronicles 29:11–15:**

<sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup> "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. <sup>15</sup> For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding.<sup>[a]</sup>

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Given we live in a difficult place with a sin nature, what are God's promises to restore us from these issues? Why is this so important and encouraging to us?

### Re-read Isaiah 61:1-4:

The Year of the LORD'S Favor

**61** The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,

because the Lord has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor;<sup>[a]</sup>

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From the following four sets of verses, what are the supernatural results of God's restoration of life's problems caused by the enemy? What should we then expect, and why is this so important to us?

**Read Matthew 8:1-3:**

Jesus Cleanses a Leper

**8** When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup> And behold, a leper<sup>[a]</sup> came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean."<sup>3</sup> And Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

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### Read Matthew 8:5-13:

#### The Faith of a Centurion

<sup>5</sup> When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, <sup>6</sup> "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." <sup>7</sup> And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup> But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant,<sup>[a]</sup> 'Do this,' and he does it." <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel<sup>[b]</sup> have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup> I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup> while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>13</sup> And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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### Read Matthew 8:14-15:

Jesus Heals Many

<sup>14</sup> And when Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying sick with a fever. <sup>15</sup> He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him.

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### Read Matthew 8:16-17:

<sup>16</sup> That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. <sup>17</sup> This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases."

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**From the following two sets of verses, what is important for us to understand about the availability and significance of supernatural work under God's authority that we are to experience? Why are these so important to how we live His life out?**

**Read Ephesians 1:16–21:**

<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

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### Read Hebrews 2:1-4:

#### Warning Against Neglecting Salvation

**2** Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup> For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup> while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

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**From the following verses, why does God send us out to exercise His authority? What should we then expect, and why are we to be part of this work here on Earth?**

**Read Luke 9:1–2; 10:1; 10:17–20:**

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

**9** And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup> and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

**10** After this the Lord appointed seventy-two<sup>[a]</sup> others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.

The Return of the Seventy-Two

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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From the following four sets of verses: As we experience this authority, what are we called to do for others who do not yet understand or experience this authority? Why is this so important? What role are we to have in doing the supernatural works using His authority? Why?

### Read Matthew 28:18–20:

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>[a]</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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### Read John 17:13–14:

<sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

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**Read John 14:12:**

<sup>12</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

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**Read Acts 1:6–8:**

The Ascension

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

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**As we experience and exercise His authority, how does our free will play a big part in this process? Why then is this not automatic and so important for us to choose? Choose what?**

### **Read Deuteronomy 30:11–20:**

#### The Choice of Life and Death

<sup>11</sup> “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ <sup>14</sup> But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

<sup>15</sup> “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God<sup>[a]</sup> that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules,<sup>[b]</sup> then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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Review and respond to the following three verses in Romans 6. Since receiving and exercising authority requires us to live in His Kingdom, how do we enter and remain living in His Kingdom? What is the result of living in His Kingdom?

**Read Romans 6:7:**

<sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free<sup>[a]</sup> from sin.

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**What tense is used in “We have been set free”? Past tense. It is already done. We have been set free. We receive Christ as our Lord and Savior, we're set free. Then He makes a statement as a progression in the following verse.**

**Read Romans 6:18:**

<sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

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### Read Romans 6:22:

<sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

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**In order to receive this authority, what are we to ask for from the Father? What does this mean, and why is this so critical to our ability to receive and exercise authority?**

### Read 1 Kings 3:5-9:

<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you."<sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup> And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

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In the middle of adversity caused by self-centered people in a wicked world, how did God provide the Covenant life to Joseph through His authority? On what basis did God provide this to Joseph? What then did Joseph experience, and how was this part of God's bigger story? What can we learn from this for us?

### Read Genesis 39:22–23:

<sup>22</sup> And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. <sup>23</sup> The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the Lord was with him. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed.

"We've learned that God has the authority. His original intention was to have us join Him because we were created in His image."

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**What does it mean to be a good and faithful servant? How does this translate into experiencing God's authority and blessing? How are we then to respond to God's assignments? Why?**

**Read Matthew 25:15–23:**

<sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents,<sup>[a]</sup> to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant.<sup>[b]</sup> You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

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**What limits God's authority in our lives? Why? What then shall be our response when He is desiring to do supernatural things in our lives?**

**Read Mark 6:5-6:**

<sup>5</sup> And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

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**How do we not neglect so great a salvation in God bearing witness to His life by supernatural works? What then is important for us to believe, receive, and exercise in our lives?**

**Read Hebrews 2:1-4:**

Warning Against Neglecting Salvation

**2** Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup> For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup> while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

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**On what basis can we be assured that all of the followers of Christ are to experience His supernatural promises in our lives? Why? What is the condition to us receiving these, and why can we not just choose our own promises?**

**Read 2 Corinthians 1:18–24:**

<sup>18</sup> As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No. <sup>19</sup> For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. <sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. <sup>21</sup> And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, <sup>22</sup> and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>23</sup> But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming again to Corinth. <sup>24</sup> Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith.

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What is important for us to process together His mighty work in our lives, especially when we are dealing with difficult people who are a struggle for us?

### Read Ephesians 4:24–29:

<sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. <sup>29</sup> Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

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What is the prophetic, and what role does this play in experiencing God's authority and helping others experience God's authority? Why?

**Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-3:**

Prophecy and Tongues

**14** Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. <sup>2</sup> For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. <sup>3</sup> On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

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**As we experience God's authority, how do we continue to abide in Him, and why is it so important to receive what God has to say from Him and not rely on others? Why?**

**Read 1 John 2:24–27:**

<sup>24</sup> Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. <sup>25</sup> And this is the promise that he made to us<sup>[a]</sup>—eternal life.

<sup>26</sup> I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. <sup>27</sup> But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

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From the following three sets of verses, why is it important for us to hear what He has to say? To believe what He has to say? Then pray what He has to say so that we experience His authority of supernatural works in our lives.

### Read John 14:12-14:

<sup>12</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask me<sup>[a]</sup> anything in my name, I will do it.

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### Read John 15:7-8:

<sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

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### Read 1 John 5:14–15:

<sup>14</sup> And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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**As we hear, receive, believe His promises, and recognize His authority, what is important for us as we are a participant in exercising this authority? What are we to see and then speak? Why is this so important?**

### Read Mark 11:20–25:

The Lesson from the Withered Fig Tree

<sup>20</sup> As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. <sup>21</sup> And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." <sup>22</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received<sup>[a]</sup> it, and it will be yours. <sup>25</sup> And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."<sup>[b]</sup>

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To confirm His will and His desire to fulfill authority and supernatural in our lives, what beautiful way has He given for us to have complete confidence? How does this work? Why is this so important?

**Read Matthew 18:18–20:**

<sup>18</sup> Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed<sup>[a]</sup> in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

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