

Discipleship Group

Living the Counter-Culture Way

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Group Study

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In a world filled with so many competing voices - our own thoughts, opinions, culture, fear - it's easy to forget which voice holds ultimate authority. The centurion's story in Luke seven reminds us that faith grows when we recognise and submit to Jesus' authority. His rule isn't about control, but about trust, covering, and love. When we live under God's authority, we step into true freedom. We're protected, strengthened, and given purpose beyond ourselves. His Word renews our minds; silences fear and replaces anxiety with peace. Like planting truth that overtakes the weeds, as we sow God's Word into our hearts, His truth will always overpower the lies of the enemy. To walk in godly authority, we must know who He is and who we are in Him. When we understand His character and our identity as His children, we can stand with confidence - not in our own strength, but in the power of His Word.

One: Recognising and Submitting to the Authority of Jesus

Understanding Jesus' supreme authority is the key to unlocking faith and experiencing His miraculous power in our lives. The Roman centurion recognised that Jesus' word alone was enough to bring healing, not because of his own worthiness or good deeds, but because he understood the authority Jesus carried. In a world filled with competing voices and opinions, it is vital to discern and submit to the voice that holds ultimate authority - Jesus, the One who holds the world in His hands and can be fully trusted. When we acknowledge His lordship, we open ourselves to His transformative power and peace. *Luke 7:1-10 (ESV)*

DISCUSSION

Recognising His Authority

The centurion understood Jesus' authority so deeply that he believed one word from Jesus could change everything.

- *What does it practically look like for you to live with that same confidence in Jesus' authority over your circumstances?*

Submitting to His Lordship

The centurion didn't rely on his own worthiness, but on Jesus' word.

- *In what areas of your life do you find it hardest to surrender control and trust Jesus' word above your own understanding or feelings?*

Experiencing His Power

Jesus "marvelled" at the centurion's faith - faith that flowed from understanding authority.

- *How can growing in your awareness of Jesus' supreme authority lead to greater peace, faith, or miracles in your life this week?*

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Two: The Power of God's Word Over the Lies of the Enemy

God's Word is the ultimate authority and the most powerful weapon against the lies and accusations of the enemy. Just as planting strong trees overtakes stubborn weeds, sowing God's truth in your heart will crowd out fear, anxiety, and hopelessness. The enemy's only strategy is to get you to believe you are defeated, but when you meditate on and declare God's Word, you step into victory and peace. It takes diligence and daily choice, but as you fill your mind with God's promises, His truth will flourish, and the enemy's lies will wither away.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV)

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

DISCUSSION

Recognising the Battle

The enemy's strategy is to plant lies that distort how we see God, ourselves, and our future.

- *What are some common lies or thoughts that try to take root in your mind, and how can you recognise when they're not from God?*

Replacing Lies with Truth

God's Word uproots lies and replaces them with His promises.

- *What is one Scripture or truth from God's Word that has helped you overcome fear, anxiety, or doubt in the past?*

Renewing the Mind Daily

Victory comes through consistency - planting truth every day until it overtakes the weeds of deception.

- *What practical habit or rhythm can you build this week to fill your mind with God's Word and silence the lies of the enemy?*

Three: Walking in Your Identity and Authority as a Child of God

When you know who you are in Christ, you can walk in the authority and victory He has won for you. You are not defined by your past, your failures, or the enemy's accusations, but by your union with Jesus - His life, strength, and victory are yours. As a child of God, you are complete, empowered, and protected. It's time to stop listening to the voice that says you are defeated and instead "strut" with the confidence that comes from belonging to the King of kings. Step into your God-given authority and live out the freedom and purpose He has for you.

Colossians 2:9-12 (ESV)

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DISCUSSION

Knowing Who You Are

Our confidence comes from knowing who we belong to, not what we've done.

- *What voices or past experiences have tried to define your identity, and how does God's Word redefine who you truly are in Christ?*

Living From Victory, Not For It

Jesus has already won the battle - we simply walk in His victory.

- *What would change in your mindset or daily life if you truly believed you were already victorious through Christ?*

Walking in Authority

As children of God, we carry His authority to speak truth, resist the enemy, and bring light into darkness.

- *What is one area of your life where you need to stand in your God-given authority this week—and what would it look like to do that practically?*

UPCOMING DATES

- Team Appreciation Night – Fri 14th Nov <https://brushfire.com/life/adorn/617379>
- Christmas Box Packing Day – Sat 29th Nov
<https://www.lifeadelaide.org/christmas-box>
- Christmas Spec – Sun 14th Dec