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Created for Greatness

POWER, AUTHORITY, DOMINION

Acts 1:8 (AMP) *But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”*

- In order for us to be “The Church” and see the book of Acts happen in and through our lives we must first understand who we are. We are children of the Living God, created to have fellowship with Him. He created us for greatness. We are the head and not the tail, above and not below.
- Your faith will operate at the level of your understanding of who you are in Christ Jesus.

Deuteronomy 28:13 (AMP) *The Lord will make you the head (leader) and not the tail (follower); and you will be above only, and you will not be beneath, if you listen and pay attention to the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today, to observe them carefully.*

Right from the beginning God gave us His authority, His power. We were created to take charge. Take charge of our world, of our lives and all that it involves.

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- The believer is faced with the responsibility of living out who we were created to be. The Lord created us to be just like Him. We were created and given authority and dominion over this earth and everything upon it. We must realize this and take possession of it in our hearts and minds.

Genesis 1:26-28 (KJV) *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

Revelation 4:11 (NKJV) *“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”*

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (AMP) *For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,’ says the Lord, ‘plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call on Me and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear [your voice] and I will listen to you. 13 Then [with a deep longing] you will seek Me and require Me [as a vital necessity] and [you will] find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. 14 I will be found*

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by you,' says the Lord, 'and I will restore your fortunes and I will [free you and] gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' says the Lord, 'and I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'

God wants to bring us back into understanding who we are and whose we are. He wants us to walk in the power and dominion He gave us right from the beginning.

POWER & AUTHORITY IS GIVEN

Luke 9:1 (NKJV) *Then He called His twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.*

- The same power that was in Christ Jesus is the power and authority we have been given to us to do what He did.

Matthew 9:35 (NKJV) *Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*

- Jesus rebuked His disciples for not believing and again commissions them to do what He did. Acting in and with authority.

Mark 16:14-18 (NKJV) *Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well."*

- Speak and teach in and with authority
- It's time for the church to be the church!

Titus 2:14-15 (NLT) *He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds. 15 You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them. You have the authority to correct them when necessary, so don't let anyone disregard what you say.*

BOTH IN THE CHURCH AND OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

- Your faith will operate at the level of your understanding of who you are in Christ Jesus.

Acts 8:4 (NLT) *But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.*

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Acts 5:16 (AMP) *and **the people** from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem **were coming together, bringing the sick** and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.*