

THREE REALITIES ABOUT AUTHORITY

- Everyone in this room has been burned by someone in a position of authority.
- Everyone in this room has likely misused authority.
- Everyone in this room could use a fresh model of what true authority looks like.

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Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.” **Matthew 28:18 (NLT)**

HOW JESUS USED AUTHORITY

1. HE _____ FROM CURRENT BONDAGES

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. **Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)**

2. HE _____ FROM PAST FAILURES

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

Mark 2:5-7 (NIV)

3. HE _____ FOR FUTURE PURPOSE

Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. **Mark 6:7 (NIV)**

HOW AM I USING MY AUTHORITY?

1. DOES MY LEADERSHIP REMOVE BARRIERS SO THAT THE PEOPLE I LEAD ARE FREE TO SUCCEED?
2. DO THE PEOPLE THAT I LEAD FEEL SAFE?
3. DO THE PEOPLE I LEAD FEEL EMPOWERED WITH PURPOSE?