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## **Spiritual Authority: Laying The Foundation**

**Authority** = The right to act or speak with the agreement of a higher authority. Rightful, actual and unimpeded power to act, or to possess, control, use or dispose of, something or somebody.

### **FOUNDATIONS**

- **God's Authority Is Absolute**

**Psalm 103:19** - *The LORD has made the heavens his throne from there he rules over everything.*

- **God's Authority Is Defined By Righteousness And Justice**

**Psalm 89:14** - *Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne. Unfailing love and truth walk before you as attendants.*

- **Righteousness And Justice Are Expected Of Human Authority**

**Matthew 20:25-28** - *But Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. <sup>26</sup> But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, <sup>27</sup> and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. <sup>28</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

- **Biblical Authority Looks Like A Servant**

**2 Corinthians 10:8** - *I may seem to be boasting too much about the authority given to us by the Lord. But our authority builds you up; it doesn't tear you down. So I will not be ashamed of using my authority.*

### **POWERS AND RULERS**

- **Satan And Spiritual Powers Also Possess Authority**

**2 Cor 4:4** - Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

**Ephesians 2:2** - You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

- **Jesus Is The Ultimate Authority Over All**

**Colossians 1:13** - For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son

**Colossians 2:15** - In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

## **THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

- **The Church Is The Chosen Vehicle For The Kingdom Of God**

- 1) As Followers Of Christ, We're All Under Authority.**
- 2) Followers Of Christ Always Point To God's Authority.**