

Luke 7 "Authority"

The Ultimate Man IS authority

Centurions servant..... Healing today

Luke 7:1 "After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. 2 Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him."

Luke gives Portrait of a centurion

- Roman oppressor
- valued asset..... Position of authority, but helpless

We have highly valued things..... Desperate

"3 When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant."

- Access to Roman medicine or Spiritual healers
- Well connected
- Humbled self

"4 And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, 5 for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue."

- good man
- honours God

"6 And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, (sends a lot) saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. 7 Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed."

-all I need is your word

"8 For I too am a man set 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, 'Do this,' and he does it."

- understanding authority
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"9 When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith."

10 And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

- Did he ever meet Jesus

Good grasp authority

1) he had no SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

2) Jesus had all authority

3) Jesus word was enough

4) he wanted that authority in his house **Jesus says , that is FAITH**

1.)understanding AUTHORITY

Context **Good guy** (cares & generous)

Secular authority: men wielding power?

Eg- blue light brigades? allowed...push me

Eg- BOSS authority- what if he behaves badly?

1.1) Where does AUTHORITY come from?

Are u born with it..... Intrinsic authority?

Toddler with swagger:-) ... vin deisel...

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- really talking confidence.....**circumstantial**

- very often **learned** behavior.....socialization

- self assurance,

- its breeding,

- family station

- very shallow, break confidence by stripping away

BIBLE teaches **Only one** has intrinsic authority

- rom 13:1 *"Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is **no authority except from God**, and those that exist have been instituted by God.*

Gods authority is

- absolute (ps 29 " Lord sits as king forever")

- over nature (job38)

- gvts (dan4:17)

- history (acts 17)

- hell (Luke 12:5)

1.1 God source

1.2) Diff's AUTHORITY & POWER

(even king James mixes up the two words)

Power dfn " is the ability or strength required to perform a deed"eg gym. (DUNAMIS)

Authority dfn " is the moral right or privilege to perform a deed, because of a position or office (EXOUSIA)

Jn 1 vs 12 "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,"

- when receive Christ
- EXOUSIA

Acts 1:8 "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."

So new birth = AUTHORITY
Bap HS. = POWER

Ideally power and authority should be united ... But its not always Eg Toddler with GUN

POWER not based in legit authority is illegitimate power

1.3) Centurion understood "**Delegated**" .. is real authority.

(8 For I too am a man set 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, 'Do this,' and he does it.)

Eg- cop jumps out in road

- **who will come** after you

-Long arm of the Law.

-(constitution & **written laws** & its enforcers)

Centurion understood power of WORD

Spiritual Authority is delegated

God speaks word & **delegates to Adam** (authority):

- over planet
- over future
- who backed him.... Gods word

(**and behind Gods word is God himself**)

- NAME animals
- **"u call them"**

When it comes like that...

(2 Tim *all Scripture is God-breathed and useful to teaching, correcting rebuking*)

- Breathed is same word as HS
- **Backing every word is God**

When God puts His word in a mans mouth = AUTHORITY

Eg1 Jer 1 :..6...am toooo young...

*9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "**Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.***

10 See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

- for a young man who thought couldn't do anything ... **Gets astonishing call!!!!!!!!!!**

There is reason why he could exercise this authority .. Previous verse (*...**i put my word in your mouth***)

- God's word is spoken by God himself or human believer **it is authoritative** .

Eg2 Isaiah 55

10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out....

- word like **Rain**...wet, soft, germinate
- word like **snow** ? Cold hard

Yes sometimes word is like that...appears

Cold , hard

Just needs to lie there, eventually thaws & so does ground

11 so shall my word be that goes out **from my mouth; it** shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

- sometimes that promise claimed over bad preach :-{
- BUT....when it comes from **Gods mouth** the breath comes with it.

Syllables & wind

.....Word and spirit .

- **Delegated home Parents**
- **society kings , governors**
- **leadership GOD is not an ANARCHIST**

1.1) God source

1.2) Diff's AUTHORITY & POWER

1.3) delegated authority is real

1.4) - the way u relate to Gods delegated authority is the way you relate to God

- mtt 10:40 " he who receives you receives me

- jn 13:20 " anyone who accepts anyone I send accepts me"

- **even bad authority** needs to be honored

1 Peter 2 v13 *Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,*

14 *or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.*

15 *For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.*

16 *Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.*

17 *Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.*

18 *Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.*

19 *For this is a gracious thing...*

- **obey & honour not same.....**

2) a loss of authority comes from ignoring Gods word

Eg- cop tells you to steal money.... authority lost

- Cop goes rogue

Adam hands authority over to Satan

- Ruler of the air
- Father of the disobedient

- at temptation of Jesus

*Luke 4:6 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. 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."*

- result , man **lost spiritual authority**
 - **sins of Father**
 - **sickness**
 - **addiction**

Today loose authority if out of line...

- **unchristian to break laws, not because afraid of punishment, but also conscience**
 - driving???....loose authority
 - boss???.....loose authority
 - parent ???..... Loose
 - see it in parents -
- (**lost authority.....Bangs desk Reaches for power**)

.....repent ...

**We are obligated to bring change , but not as revolutionaries .
Not political meansbut. Spiritual means.**

Study Jeremiah (prophet to planet)

- **He given a higher level of authority than kings (ie spiritual authority is higher...but he never broke the law , even when unjust**
 - **did not break the laws**
 - **the spiritual authority is over the secular..... but the paradox is that the believer is under the secular.**

But the Christian does not act as subversive revolutionary. Doesn't mean he not concerned or intervene.

Need authority back...

3) Jesus delegates authority to his people

when centurion says " *Speak word ...sickness gone,*

But say the word, and let my servant be healed

recognizes Jesus has authority over sickness.

- Jesus lived over sin
- **walked thru** attackers
- **lays life down**

- he not victim

Jesus wins it back & delegates to you

Eph1

Eph 2

As father sent me, now I send you

HOW receive THE AUTHORITY ?

centurion recognized

- 1) he had no SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY
- 2) Jesus had all authority
- 3) Jesus word was enough
- 4) he wanted that authority in his house
- 5) **had to receive by faith**

by Faith that he is God

*9 When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such **faith**."*

- as father sent me , now I am sending you.
- greater things

When walking in line with word

- Repent. Get back in line
- Faith

Conclusion

For Unsaved Authority at salvation

Highly valued servant? .

We have highly valued things
But bring back to authority ...

For saved Power with HS

Revelation 1:5&6

Made us kings priests (past tense) ...to reign on earth.

-King = rule

-Priest = sacrifice & intercede

We not meant to one day ...but are to now

Only as we serve as priest will we rule as king

- offer sacrifice praise and thanks ...will rule
- we rule by prayer

If we are not priests we have no right to rule.

Pray for sick