

Reclaimed: Barefoot & Sandaled – Understanding Spiritual Authority

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[Gen 9:1-3 NASB95] 1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. 2 "The fear of you and the terror of you will be on every beast of the earth and on every bird of the sky; with everything that creeps on the ground, and all the fish of the sea, into your hand they are given. 3 "Every moving thing that is alive shall be food for you; I give all to you, as [I gave] the green plant.

- When we rise up in our spiritual authority
 - No decree, no executive order, supreme court decision will stop us.
 - We will not be canceled!
- Samuel Rodriguez - We will go from riot to revival, lockdown to open heaven, strife to unity, political designation to prophetic declaration, and from storming the capital to storming the gates of Hell.
- Noah was given and needed to exercise authority given to him by God.
- Similar decree but different environment from that of Adam.
- It was through Noah's submission to God that God trusted him with authority.
- **We are both barefoot servants and sandal-footed saints.**
- He reclaimed his life and the earth by exercising the authority.

How do we get spiritual authority to work?

Spiritual authority and dominion work through submission.

I. God gives authority to submitted people.

- a. Noah lived submitted to God. God had no problem giving him authority.
- b. [Jos 1:3 NASB95] 3 "Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses.
- c. **We are both barefoot servants and sandal-footed saints.**
- d. [Luk 10:17-20 NASB95] 17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. 19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. 20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."
- e. Jesus was speaking of what was currently happening as the disciples were exercising power over demons. He also gave a warning of what happened to Satan. Satan forgot the source of his authority was his service to God.
- f. [Jas 4:7 NASB95] 7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

II. God expects us to exercise His authority for people.

- a. Noah had to use the authority not just to save his life but the life of others. Ultimately, for all of humanity.
- b. What does using spiritual authority look like?
- c. [Mar 16:15-18 NASB95] 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. 17 "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly [poison,] it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."
- d. Authority to protect and empower people not to dominate people.

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- e. You must use what God gave to you to experience what God has for you.
- f. Kenneth Hagin – encounter with Jesus and a demon. Jesus did not do what He gave him authority to do.
- g. Authority does not do any good if you don't use it.
- h. Use spiritual authority for God's plan in your life and others.

- **We are both barefoot servants and sandal-footed saints.**
- Servants/Bondservants – Paul (Rom 1:1), Peter (2 Pet. 1:1), James (Jam. 1:1)
- [Luk 15:22 NASB95] 22 "But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;
- Spiritual authority and dominion work through submission.
- You exercise authority in prayer, thoughts, words, and actions.