

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Thank you so much for visiting our website! Here is an excerpt of my notes from Pastor A.J.'s sermon "Just Say The Word"

Matthew 8:5-10

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Yours in Christ,

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"Just Say The Word"

Matthew 8:5-10

In this verse of scriptures Jesus is being followed by the masses. He was healing and cleansing people of their sicknesses and diseases. As He continued with His travelling a Centurion Soldier, who was considered to be a non-believer approached Him. His disciples would soon learn the lesson of "Just Say The Word". The Centurion Soldier knew and understood the power of being in a position of authority. He took what He knew to be true of the physical world and applied it to the nonphysical world. He knew that Jesus had this same authority when it came to healing. This so called non-believer had more belief than the so called believers. God wants you to know and understand that His teachings and His personality is not so overly complicated that you cannot understand His principles and laws that He has placed within this earth realm. He is not so far from humanity that you can't reach Him no matter what your current position is!

In **Genesis 1:26**, God gave human beings the authority and power to subdue the earth. When you are in relationship with Jesus Christ and make Him not just you're Savior but you give Him the authority to be the Lord of your life His power and authority is shared with you. You are given the authority to put your life in order according to God's will. You cannot have authority unless someone has given it to you. That's why life apart from God cannot and does not work. God desires a personal relationship with you and that is why Jesus came to mend the gap of separation and give us full access to the Father and all of His shared attributes.

When God created the heavens and the earth He took something that was without form (chaos) and created order. In this earth realm there are laws at work. Everyone has heard of the law of gravity, right? It simply says what goes up must come down; unless there is another law that gives that particular something the authority to operate above that law. God Himself set the parameters and He is not a man that He should lie (**see Numbers 23:19**). God, Himself always operates within His own laws. When Adam disobeyed God sin came into the world and we were separated from God. In order for God to restore mankind He knew He must enter through mankind. He knew He must come in human form in order to operate in the dominion He gave man (the authority over the earth realm). This is the reason for the life of Jesus and the fulfillment of His divine purpose. The Bible is God's contract and you have been authorized by the Word. Don't continue to live a life where you are waiting on God. **God is not requiring you to do His part but He is requiring you to do your part!** You don't have to continue to live a life waiting on God to get rid of strife, worry, frustration or any other negativity. You have the power to subdue it. (**See Luke 10:19**) As long as you're under God's authority His power is available.

In your career you may have experienced a boss who held a position of authority but it always seemed as though he/she had no power. This is what's happening in the lives of most Christians. Many Christians will continue to live this powerless type of living until they allow God to be their authoritative figure. Once God holds the correct priority in your life all of His power will be available to you. The great thing about the Centurion Soldier, he was able to take what he believed and apply it to the correct authority and by doing this his request was granted. In other words by his simple faith he believed Jesus Christ had the authority and power and he

made his request. He surrendered his problem to Jesus Christ, he came under the authority of Jesus by acknowledging Him as the authoritative figure and in doing so there was transference of power from Jesus to the soldier. Jesus said, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." (**Matthew 8:13 niv**) Because of the soldier's belief the request he made was provided power and as verse 13 continues on to say **and his servant was healed at that moment.**

Learn How to Put Your Faith into Your Authority

God will not compromise His integrity regarding His Word. Your authority is there whether you use it or not. If the soldier didn't open his mouth and make his request made known to Jesus and just let Him pass through wouldn't nullify the power that Christ had. His silence would have only prevented the transference of the power. His request would not be granted and his servant would not have received his healing. Don't let mistakes prevent you from continuing to hear and act on God's Word. You used courage in the past to sin, now use that courage to do good. Don't allow fear to stop you from being all that God has designed you to be. Your struggles as you learn to overcome them will develop strength in you. Don't look to the left or the right. Don't compare yourself to others. Everyone is unique and has been given a different capacity to operate in. Open your mouth and begin to speak positively about your life and those around you. Let God teach you the skill of managing the resources He has blessed you with. Allow Him to show you how to prioritize your life. If you make the decision to keep Him in first place He will show you what priorities will follow. He will show things from His perspective He will grant you access to a Godly point of view; when this happens chaos soon becomes order. Lack can't stay, depression can't stay even sickness can't stay. Don't continue to live a Christian life of self-suicide. You have the tools available to you to build the life God wants you to have. Don't keep allowing situations and people in life to injure you. **Through accepting Christ and developing your relationship with Him you can be better.....You are better!**

Isaiah 30:21 niv

Whether you turn to the right or to the left , your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying "This is the way; walk in it."

