



## LaKesha's Pen

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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, "*The Believer's Authority*"

### **The Believers Authority**

**Matthew 10:1**

**"Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority and power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness."**

We now know what truly took place on the cross and the meaning of being saved. What do we now do with this information? What's next? Now we must begin to access and utilize the authority that has been granted to us through Christ.

Our authority comes directly from God's Word. We must know the promises of God! I have heard it put this way.... My rich uncle passed away and he left me an inheritance. In his will, he left millions of dollars, businesses and land. His lawyer's office sent me letter, after letter in the mail. When the letters arrived I just sat them on the table with the other mail. Month after month they tried to contact me with no success. That's how we often do God's Word. It's there available to us in many forms books, downloads, podcast, cd, and so much more. But we continue to ignore this very important information. So like my rich uncle who has given me authority over his money, businesses and land God has given us access to Him, His Word and His authority. This is exactly what happens to many Christians, we sit God's Word aside and we never gain access to the authority that He has freely given. If I never open the letter from the lawyer to discover what my uncle has left me then I will never be able to utilize all the benefits available to me. I would continue to work hard to pay bills, if only I had opened the letter to discover there is a bank account with millions in it just waiting for me. Likewise we must learn the simplicity of knowing and speaking the promises of His Word. He wrote the book our part is to read and speak the Truth that he wrote!

To read the full sermon notes, [click here!](#)

We pray that Pastor A.J.'s Message will bless you the way it blessed us! Please come back again next week for more from "LaKesha's Pen" with another inspiring message.

Yours in Christ,  
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## Full Sermon:

### The Believers Authority

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**Step 1:** Jesus dies for our sins to bring us into relationship with God

**Step 2:** I accept Jesus as the Son of God and I believe He died for my sins. I accept Him as my Savior and Lord.

**Step 3: Now what?**

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In **Matthew 10: 1**, Jesus summoned His disciples and gave them authority and power over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal **every kind** of disease and **every kind of** sickness. In verse 2 of Matthew it goes on to list who these disciples are. In the Amplified version of the Bible it describes them as special messengers, personally chosen representatives. **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9** it tells us “But we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated (set apart) nation, a special people for God’s own possession,” Just as Jesus gave authority to those special 12; He is generous in His giving and has granted this same authority to **every believer**.

In **Genesis 1:26**, God’s original design was for Adam and Eve to have authority and dominion over all of creation. In **Genesis 3** that authority was given over to Satan. Through disobedience we became disconnected from God and died spiritually. As we have learned we became reconnected to God through Jesus the Christ and thus consequently we regained our authority. Now we must begin to learn how to be the person who walks in their God given authority.

#### **God will not do what He has told you to do!**

In order for us to become a person who walks in authority we must first begin to renew our minds (**Romans 12:1-2**) Our authority does not come from our good behavior or because we are worthy to receive this blessing (**Jeremiah 1:5** God knew what He was getting including all your failures). Our authority comes directly from God’s Word. We must know the promises of God! I have heard it put this way.... My rich uncle passed away and he left me an inheritance. In his will, he left millions of dollars, businesses and land. His lawyer’s office sent me letter, after letter in the mail. When the letters arrived I just sat them on the table with the other mail. Month after month they tried to contact me with no success. That’s how we often do God’s Word. It’s there available to us in many forms books, downloads, podcast, cd, and so much more. But we continue to ignore this very important information. So like my rich uncle who has given me authority over his money, businesses and land God has given us access to Him, His Word and His authority. This is exactly what happens to many Christians, we sit God’s Word aside and we never gain access to the authority that He has freely given. If I never open the

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**“We must learn not to just pray to God about our problems but we must speak to our problems about God!”**

In **Hebrews 11** God speaks to us about faith. How faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. He even tells us in His Word that without faith it is impossible to please Him. In **Romans 10:17** it states faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. It has been proven scientifically that we believe more of what we hear our own selves say, than by what we hear other people say. We must begin to speak life into our situations and into those who are around us. If a mother or father constantly tells a child they are bad. Then guess what that child is going to be bad. A man can speak a good woman down and vice versa a woman can speak a good man down. You must begin to declare God's Word over your life. You have to speak who you are already are in Christ and watch your life change. You will begin to become more like Christ. In **Psalm 89:3 (Amp)** God states He has a covenant with His chosen one. Meaning if God gives you His Word on something it is already done! You don't have to worry about it, only believe. Speak to the spirit of sickness because God's Word says by His stripes we are healed. (**Isaiah 53:5**) He tells us death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words (**Proverbs 18:21**). Become who God has created you to be and learn how to allow people to be who they are and don't try to be like anyone else. Be the best you God created you to be. Don't compare yourself to others!

**God is saying stop asking me to do what I have already empowered you to do!**

God has given us authority over the earth realm. Are you content with living with your issues, those things that are causing you grief and pain? Are there some dead things in your life but you won't bury them? For example; it's not that you don't have any friends; the problem is you're not friendly. It's not that you can't get out of debt but that you choose to keep spending? People cannot curse or undo what God has already done. (See **Joshua 23 & 24**) The only way for a believer to be cursed is if we choose to give our authority over. Like Eve did in the garden. We as people have a tendency to hold on to things we like even if God has told us to let it go. We need God's help to get rid of what we don't need but we must be open to hear and do what He asks. God has set a plan for each of us personally and we need to find the path in which he has laid. The world wants us to live this cookie cutter lifestyle. They take away originality and offer up conformity but God says He has a specific plan just for you to follow! He created you unlike any other and no one can do you better than you do! Declare over yourself who God says you are then you will start to become who you were truly meant to be. When you find yourself in a fight with Satan remember you enter in with an overwhelming force. The only way you lose is if you quit! Walk in your authority! (**Romans 8:37**)