

5 Truths to Help us Realize
HOW
POWERFUL
WE ARE



'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...' Hosea 4:6

'Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'" John 8:31-32

One of the things the enemy fights the most is revelation, because he knows that revelation is what separates and differentiates men. The level of our revelation determines the level at which we function. The enemy knows that anything that brings illumination strengthens us and weakens his hold over us, which is why he discourages us from spending time in the word of God. God's word is truth and it's the truth in His word that sets us free from whatever form of bondage we or those around us may be encountering.

This series we are looking at 5 important truths we need to know so we can understand just how powerful a believer really is. Our prayer is that as we go through this series, the Holy Spirit will bring revelation, illumination and strength to our inner man so we can function with the full authority available to us.



Truth 1

Who You Are in Christ

“Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe...” 2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT

When Adam fell, mankind lost authority to Satan who became the god of this world. This is why Satan could wreak havoc unopposed and make promises to give Jesus out of his authority when tempting Him in the wilderness (Luke 4:6-7). At no point did Jesus call Satan a liar for making such a claim, rather He referred to a higher power.

“Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” Colossians 2:15

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.” Matthew 28:18

When Jesus was crucified, one of the things He did was to take back the authority Adam lost. Because of this victory, Satan no longer has a legal right over believers. However the enemy doesn’t fight fair. He will continue to act as though he has power over us if he sees we aren’t aware of the victory and power we already have through Christ.

“I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him.. Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.” Ephesians 1:19-22 NLT

Jesus has authority over Satan and all of the kingdom of darkness and this authority is for our benefit! So as a believer who has come under the lordship of Jesus, Satan has absolutely no right to trouble us in anyway. We can stand on the authority of our spiritual position in Christ who is far above all and legislate what should be. As Jesus is, so are we here on earth. When this truth of our authority becomes a personal revelation, it will transform the way we respond to situations as we begin to understand that we’re not in any way disadvantaged spiritually.

Prayer: Holy Spirit please let the victory Christ won for me become a personal revelation and give me understanding of how to walk daily in this victory.

Truth 2 Power in the Name of Jesus

“that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:10-11

Following from the first truth of who we are because of the victory Jesus won for us, the next truth we need revelation on is the name of Jesus and the power it carries. The name of Jesus is the most respected and feared name in the spiritual realm and since the spiritual controls the physical it's important we understand this.

“And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” John 14:13

Because the kingdom of darkness understands the power of the name of Jesus, they do their best to trivialize His name in popular culture and language so people lose sight of the weight it carries. The power we're able to wield doesn't lie in just saying the name, but in understanding what the name is capable of achieving. Imagine being the child of a global multi-billionaire who knows your father's bank balance and your father gives you a blank cheque to buy anything you want anywhere. Because you know his capacity you're confident you can get practically anything you want.

But if in the same blank cheque scenario, your father doesn't disclose his bank balance, you may not know how much you can actually acquire. Jesus has given us a blank cheque in giving us unlimited access to His name, but if we don't know what that name can do, we will shortchange ourselves. It's also important to know that the use of Jesus' name is connected to our submission to His will and must be in line with the Word of God.

Let's look at a snapshot of what's available to us in the name of Jesus: devils are cast out (Luke 10:17), every kind of healing occurs (Matt 8:16; 12:15), lives are transformed (Eph 4:20-24), the dead come back to life (1 Cor 15:20-22; Rev 1:8), we have unlimited victory (Col 2:14-15), access to God's immeasurable power and riches (Eph 1:17-20) among so much more. Let's start walking in the truth of what this name really means.

Prayer: Holy Spirit please give me a personal revelation of the name of Jesus



Truth 3 The weight of God's Word

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."
Matthew 24:35

Jesus shares something very powerful with us in the verse above: the only thing we are guaranteed will stand the test of time is God's word, everything else will pass away. It's impossible to have power outside of the word of God, thus we will do well to get very familiar with God's word and what it says concerning us His character, His plans for us, and what we should expect in the days to come.

"Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass." Joshua 21:45

"It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it." Isaiah 55:11 NLT

Joshua 21:45 is a powerful testimony to God's ability to keep His word. Every single thing God said concerning the Israelites came to pass. This gives us the confidence to expect that everything He says concerning us will also happen as He said it will. God doesn't speak flippantly, so anywhere we see the Lord speaking in the Bible - whether as the Father or the Son - we should pay extra attention, because these words are backed with an eternal authority never to come back empty. Not only will they not come back empty they are guaranteed to always produce fruit and prosper.

"Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "None of My words will be postponed any more, but the word which I speak will be done," says the Lord God.' "Ezekiel 12:28

"I know that You can do everything, And that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You." Job 42:2

There is only one caveat to the word of God prospering in our lives and that is our ability to search it out, believe it and speak it into our lives, many times we see or hear God's promises to us, but we don't necessarily believe it. This why revelation is required and it's this revelation the enemy fights because he knows it will loosen his hold on us. When we see God's word as God speaking to us and not just text, then it transforms us totally. We begin to think and act differently because we know we're standing on an eternal backing that cannot fail.

Prayer: Lord help me see Your word as You speaking to me and grant me a personal revelation of the power in Your word.

Truth 4 God Is With Us

'...Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:9

In the Old Testament, whenever the enemies of Israel launched an attack against them while they were moving camps, they usually targeted the stragglers – those who were at the tail end of the convoy because they were usually isolated and therefore easy to capture. Creating a sense of isolation is one of the enemy's tactics. If we feel we are alone, there's a tendency to start feeling overwhelmed and despondent. But as believers we are never really alone, God is ALWAYS with us.

'And the Lord , He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.'" Deuteronomy 31:8

'...And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Matthew 28:20

After His resurrection, Jesus reiterated this commitment to constantly be with us and we know that He always keeps His word. There's a certain audacity this knowledge should give us, knowing that we don't walk through life alone. This doesn't mean things will always be easy, but knowing that we have the King of kings by our side, going ahead of us, watching over us means that no matter what we may be going through, that situation doesn't have the power to overwhelm us.

'Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.' Isaiah 41:10

'But the Lord stands beside me like a great warrior. Before him my persecutors will stumble. They cannot defeat me. They will fail and be thoroughly humiliated. Their dishonor will never be forgotten' Jeremiah 20:11

'What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?' Romans 8:31

God is with us He will Never leave or forsake us. We may choose to distance ourselves from Him through our heart disposition and actions and He will respect our choices, but He remains constant in His commitment. How would you address the challenges you're facing differently knowing that God is with you and is on your side?

Prayer: Lord, help me constantly be aware of Your presence in my life and by my side.

Truth 5 God loves Me

“This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.” 1 John 4:10 NLT

“For here is the way God loved the world—he gave his only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life.” John 3:16 TPT

We hear in Church and read in the Bible about the love of God, so we have received the information that God is love. Yet few of us really have a personal experience of this love. The revelation of God’s love for us will spur us into a new depth of relationship and desire to please Him. Not because we just want to make heaven, but because we have tasted of this love and want to do all we can to please the one we love.

“...the great magnitude of the astonishing love of Christ in all its dimensions. How deeply intimate and far-reaching is his love! How enduring and inclusive it is! Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding...” Ephesians 3:18 TPT

The love of God can’t be fully understood by our natural minds, we can only experience it to appreciate it. It’s extremely overwhelming and humbling that God loves us so much He is willing to ‘pour’ Himself into us so that we can be like Him. Part of why we may find it hard to experience God’s love is that we don’t fully appreciate what it cost Jesus to leave divinity to redeem us. The creator had to become like those He created and because of love, go through all He did so we could be reconciled back to God.

Another reason is that the enemy always condemns us so we feel how can God love us knowing all we have done and are doing? But it was while we were yet sinners that Jesus paid the price for us. So we are able to love Him back because He first loved us.

God’s love doesn’t stop at the price Jesus paid. Because God loves us, He is committed to help and strengthen us (Josh 1:9, Isa 41:10-15), He is always thinking of us and has specific plans for us (Jer 29:11) and makes things work together for good (Rom 8:28). He keeps His promises to us (Josh 21:45) and protects us from evil (Ps 61:3). He reveals Himself to us as we walk closely with Him and helps us to be the best we can be (Ps 32:8). His instructions aren’t to make life boring for us or harm us, but to bring out the very best in us so we can live the life of total dominion He designed us to. God loves you with an everlasting love and nothing can separate you from His love.

Prayer: Lord help me to experience Your love in greater measure.



Bonus Truth

We have already won

'And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.' Luke 10:18

'Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.' Revelation 20:10

As believers we have the benefit of a bonus truth: knowing the end when it comes to our position of victory – we have already won, the enemy is already defeated. Jesus already won the battle for us and we are simply enforcing the victory He won for us.

'...I am writing to you who are young in the faith because you have won your battle with the evil one.' 1 John 2:13

The truths we have explored are critical to believers walking in the victory we already have in Christ Jesus. No matter what life throws at us, or the enemy tries to deceive us with, we are more powerful than we really realize and already have all we need to overcome him.

'Then there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels. And the dragon lost the battle, and he and his angels were forced out of heaven.' Revelation 12:7-8

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

The enemy was defeated twice – once when ejected from heaven and second by Jesus. The access that we have in the power in the name of Jesus places us far above the enemy and all his cohorts – they are all beneath us in the spiritual realm. We have access to the power that is embedded in God's word – the word is a double-edged sword that is both an offensive and defensive weapon of spiritual warfare. We have the confidence that God is always with us. He will never leave or forsake us and always goes ahead of us and stands beside us. Then we have the confidence of the eternal love God has for us that nothing can ever separate us from. To crown all these off, we are contending with an enemy that is already defeated, even though he is excellent at putting up a front to appear more than he really is. Believer, be encouraged – you have already won!

Prayer: Lord the revelation of how much power I have in You become a daily reality for me.

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