



The Ring of Authority Robert Morris

Focus The Father gives us authority. All authority is delegated.

Fun Was there a time as a child where, after you disobeyed your parents, something funny or embarrassing happened?

Review Key Scriptures: Luke 9:1, 10:1, 10:17–21, 15:22; Genesis 41:42–43; Esther 8:8; Mark 1:22; Romans 13:1; Matthew 8:5–10, 21:23–31; Ephesians 6:16

1. Humility

We lose our authority when we walk in pride. Jesus gave the 12 disciples and the 70 new believers the same authority He gives to you (Luke 9:1, 10:1, 10:17–21). God hides the knowledge of this authority over demonic spirits from the proud and arrogant. He reveals this knowledge to those who walk humbly before Him.

2. Faith

Faith is what you believe. Believing a lie can hinder your authority. God wants us to understand spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:16). It's normal for demonic spirits to attack, but it's not normal for God's children to lose. Pastor Robert shared a personal experience as his wife, Debbie, has recently suffered from illness and accidents.

3. Obedience

Jesus received authority by doing the will of the Father (Matthew 21:23–31). We also receive authority from the Father by obeying His will.

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Discuss

1. Jesus exhibited all three traits tied to wearing the ring of authority—humility, faith, and obedience. Can you give examples from Jesus' life where He displayed each trait?
2. Have you ever experienced an encounter with a demonic spirit? How was it handled?
3. Let's look at how the Israelites left Egypt. How did they show humility, faith, and obedience? How did God show His authority over their enemies?
4. What are other biblical stories where people showed humility, faith, and obedience in the midst of a battle? How did God's authority triumph over their enemies?
5. Do you have any personal testimonies of victories or failures with humility, faith, and obedience? How was your spiritual authority impacted?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- The Father gives us authority.
- When we're prideful, we lose our authority.
- We receive authority when we obey God's will.

Prayer

Father God, thank You for calling us to be Your children and making us joint heirs with Christ. Thank You for the robe of righteousness and for the ring of authority. We repent and ask forgiveness for walking in pride, unbelief, and disobedience. Help us to remember who we are in You and to grow strong in the truth of Your Word that we may obey Your will. We love You, Lord. We praise You for the work You are doing. Help us to put on the whole armor of God so we are fully equipped to battle the evil one and experience victory for Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Pray for conviction, repentance, and renewal in the hearts of God's people.