

# Claiming the Authority of Jesus

*For the Win, Week Eight*

There is no name on earth more powerful than the name of Jesus.

It's the only name that saves (Acts 4:12). And someday, everyone will bow and declare that Jesus Christ is Lord (Romans 14:14).

Claiming the authority of Jesus absolutely starts with your decision and declaration that Jesus Christ is absolutely LORD of your life.

*This means complete surrender of your will.*

*This means complete submission to his will.*

*This means complete obedience to his leading.*

If you've made that decision, the question is, *how* do you claim the authority of Jesus on a daily basis in your life?

## THREE WAYS TO CLAIM JESUS' AUTHORITY IN YOUR LIFE

### 1. PRAY in the name of Jesus.

#### **John 14:12-14 NLT**

I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

A name represents a person and that person's authority. When you sign a check, it's an assurance you have the money to back it up. When the president signs an order or a bill, it becomes legally binding.

The only prayer that moves heaven to action is the prayer that starts in heaven in the mind and will of God. We close the circuit when we pray in faith in the name of Jesus for the things God already wants to do.

**We don't need more authority.**

**We need more intimacy.**

## **2. SERVE in the name of Jesus.**

It's not just about living for Jesus in his name. It's also about living for others in Jesus' name.

### **Colossians 3:17-24 Message**

Let every detail in your lives—**words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus**, thanking God the Father every step of the way. Wives, understand and support your husbands by submitting to them in ways that honor the Master. Husbands, go all out in love for your wives. Don't take advantage of them. Children, do what your parents tell you. This delights the Master no end. Parents, don't come down too hard on your children or you'll crush their spirits. Servants, do what you're told by your earthly masters. And don't just do the minimum that will get you by. Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ.

The point is, in whatever realm in which you live your life, you live it in the name and authority and for the honor of King Jesus.

Serve your spouse for Jesus' sake.

Serve and obey your parents for Jesus' sake.

Serve your boss and obey your government for Jesus' sake.

You can't claim that Jesus is absolutely Lord of your life when you're unwilling to submit to God-given authority and to serve other people on his behalf.

YOU are agents of the work Jesus wants to do through you in his name.

### 3. **BATTLE** in the name of Jesus.

Every day, put on the armor of God, and get ready for the battle.

Every day, know that the closer you are to Jesus, the more victory you will experience in your life.

#### **Acts 19:13-16 GW**

Some Jews used to travel from place to place and force evil spirits out of people. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus to force evil spirits out of those who were possessed. These Jews would say, "I order you to come out in the name of Jesus, whom Paul talks about." Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. But the evil spirit answered them, "I know Jesus, and I'm acquainted with Paul, but who are you?" Then the man possessed by the evil spirit attacked them. He beat them up so badly that they ran out of that house naked and wounded.

You can't fake it. You can't do battle without an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. You can fight as an imposter.

Do you have a personal knowledge of Jesus and a personal relationship with Jesus? When you adore him, focus on him, and live under his Lordship, you win!