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La Jolla Christian Fellowship  
**TAKING IT TO THE STREETS // Episode 1: Living In All Authority**  
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**Matthew 28:16-20**

*Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.** <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

**3 Practical steps to living in the authority given you in Christ**

1. **Place** the entirety of your life under the authority of Christ.
2. **Cultivate** a biblically grounded understanding of the authority God gives you in Christ.
3. **Exercise** spiritual authority and dominion over every inch of territory of your life.

**The Transitory Nature of Doubt**

**Vs. 16- 17** *Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.*

- **Doubt was assuaged in the doing**, as we know 10 of these 11 disciples were martyred for their faith in Christ, with only John the writer of Revelation dying of natural causes.

**Living In All Authority**

**Vs. 18** *Then Jesus came to them and said, “**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.**”*

**THEREFORE:**

1) The entirety of Christ commission, the “THEREFORE” hinges upon the cornerstone of the disciples' understanding of Christ authority.

1. **Place the entirety of your life under the authority and Lordship of Christ.**
  - a. We cannot expect all authority while living in partial submission.

That's what lordship is - Christ reigning as supreme authority over our life. Making Jesus Lord of our life is not something passive. It's not a state of being, it's a state of doing. Those whom Jesus recognizes as His own are those who do the will of His Father in heaven. -Keith Green

2. **Cultivate a biblically grounded understanding of your identity and authority in Christ.**
  - a. **Romans 8:37-39**, *in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
3. **Exercise spiritual authority and dominion over every inch of territory of your life.**
  - a. **2 Corinthians 10:3-6** *For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup>The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup>We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*
  - b. **Authority is a spiritual mindset.**
    - i. **The battle for the Christ-centered mind is the Stalingrad of all spiritual conflict.**
      - Philippians 2:16 *“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.*
      - Isaiah 26:3 *“You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!” New Living Translation*

**Small Group Questions:**

1. What is your relationship to doubts and fears? Do you have a spiritual plan of attack when they arise?
2. What does placing the entirety of our life under the authority of Christ look like?
3. What does it look like to walk in spiritual authority?
4. What would a plan for cultivating spiritual authority look like?
5. What are some tools to win the battle over our minds?