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 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Spiritual authority – week 1



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member how Jesus has all authority over satan and his demons?
2. What caused the people to be astonished in Luke 4:32? **(They were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.)**.
3. What kind of spirit did the man have in v.33? **(A spirit of an unclean demon)**
4. What did the demon say to Jesus in v.34? **(... what have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are – the Holy One of God.)**.



Let's go deeper

5. What did Jesus tell the unclean spirit in v.35? **(Jesus rebuked him, saying, be quiet, and come out of him.)**.
6. What did the demon do to the man in v.35b? **(When the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him.)**.
7. What did people say among themselves in v.36? **(What a word is this! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.)**.
8. Did news of Jesus spread after this incident according to v.37? **(The report of Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.)**.



Let's apply this

9. **Luke 4:33 – 35**; And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of **an unclean demon**, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? **I know who you are – the Holy One of God.**"

Every born-again believer has the delegated authority of Jesus Christ.

- Thank Jesus for His delegated authority in your life, and for His Word?
- Ask the Holy Spirit if there are any doors that you have opened in your life?
- Remember that God the Father loves you unconditionally.
- Ask a godly friend to help you and keep you accountable.

SUMMARY:

Spiritual authority: Week 1

Read: Luke 4:31 – 37

v.31 – 32; Jesus taught the Word of God, and the people were astonished for His Word possessed authority. Jesus preached and taught by the power of the Holy Spirit (see Luke 4:18 – 19).

v.33 – 34; Demons knew Jesus, and that He could destroy them. Demons recognized Jesus as the Holy One of God. When we are born-again, we surrender ourself fully to Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Jesus forgives our sins, and gives us a new heart to be in relationship with Him, the Holy Spirit lives in us, and God the Father adopts us as His children. Now, that we are born-again, and our identity changed from sinner to saint; Jesus gives us His delegated authority to continue to do what He started (see Matthew 28:18 – 20). We follow His example with His authority.

Where did this demon in v.34 come from?

Job 38:4 – 7; tells us that angelic and heavenly beings were created before God created the earth. These angelic beings can be referred to as God's heavenly family.

Genesis 2:7; tells us that God created mankind – God's earthly family (seen realm).

Revelation 12:7 – 9; tells us that a war broke out in heaven. Michael (archangel and his angels), defeated satan and his angels. Demons are fallen angels who rebelled.

Who is satan? See Ezekiel 28:13 – 14 and Isaiah 14:12 – 17

Satan is a created being; he can only be at one place at a time. He rebelled against God; he uses pride and arrogance to deceive God's people. He attacks our relationship with God, marriages, families, etc.

The bible speaks of three categories of opposition:

- Satan and his demons – enemies of God.
- Our own flesh; internal desires and passions.
- Worldly systems, wanting to keep God's people in slavery and bondage.

v.35 – 37; How did this man open himself to the demonic?

Example of a house with open windows and doors. How do we open our lives to the demonic? The bible warns us in Galatians 5:19 – 21 and Colossians 3:8 – 9.

Jesus' authority becomes our authority

Every born-again believer has the delegated authority of Jesus Christ. We have the Word of God to speak, we have the power of the Holy Spirit, we have repentance, and fellow leaders and believers to assist us as in our Christian walk.