The Authority of the Believer
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You can take authority. You have authority as a believer. Your kids don’t have to be alcoholics; they don’t have to be killed in a drug scene. You don’t have to have fear move in next door to you with some kind of a thing. But what you do have to do is rule and reign over these evil ones. And you can do it every single day.

Shelli: An important thing to remember is: We have authority over demons but we do not have authority over human wills. The will of a man, God will protect the chooser, the will of a man to choose life or death, blessing or cursing.

Romans 5:17 For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

Shelli: I can stand before the presence of God with no guilt, no shame, no condemnation, because Jesus Christ is my righteousness. My righteousness is Jesus Christ Himself (I Corinthians 1). The Amplified says, “We shall reign as kings in life.” In this life. Now this doesn’t mean when we get to heaven, because we’re not going to reign over one another when we get there. It’s here in this life that we have something to reign over. And we reign as kings. So there is a protocol for being a person who reigns in life through the One, Christ Jesus. And you notice that kings are not nervous when they sit on their thrones. They’re not wringing their hands. They’re not hoping that just maybe someone might believe them if they give a command. No, they give it with authority. They give it with confidence. They give it with a boldness. And that’s how we are to rule and reign in life through Jesus, through His name.

Philippians 1:28 (AMPC) And do not [for a moment] be frightened or intimidated in anything by your opponents and adversaries, for such [constancy and fearlessness] will be a clear sign [proof and seal] to them of [their impending] destruction, but [a sure token and evidence] of your deliverance and salvation, and that from God.

Ephesians 6:10-11 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

I think it’s interesting when we read the story about David and Goliath. King Saul said, “David, I want to help you out – here’s my armor.” The king’s armor was the best and David tried it, but it didn’t fit. But think about this – you and I as new creatures in Christ Jesus in God’s armor, how big is it? How glorious is God’s armor? And it fits us because we are members of the body of Christ. It’s custom-made for us. And the armor does the work. The armor does the work. You rest secure in the armor. You do your part to put the armor on and the armor does its part.

I don’t care how dark it is, I don’t care what’s going to happen in this world, there’s going to be a glorious church rise up in the midst of it. And that glorious church is going to know the power and the authority that it has, and it’s going to rule and reign. It’s going to hold back the anti-Christ until we leave here. You’re not in this body of Christ just to have fire insurance, just to
make heaven. If that would be the thing, we would get you saved and shoot you. But no, that’s not the plan. You’re for something. You’re to rule and you are to reign.

II Thessalonians 2:1-9 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan...

These things that are happening in the world right now that are trying to scare you are satanic. Until we’re gone out of here, we’re to hold them back. It is not written that you shall be overcome. It is written all through the Revelation about the overcoming ones. There’s never a hint you’re to be overcome. Evil men and seducers are getting worse and worse, but we are a supernatural being. We are a new creation. We are not the Jews, we are not the nations of the world. When you were born again, you became a brand new species, with God living in you.

We are very significant, we are very supernatural. Now the devil’s going to try to make you think you’re not. You’re the body of Christ. He’s the head and we’re the body. For him to overcome you, he’s going to have overcome Christ, unless you don’t know it. The battle’s in the mind. He’s going to come and give you thoughts.

Ephesians 1:17-23 ...God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Pastor Terry: Sometimes you might be the only one in your family that knows who you are in Christ. It says “He sets the solitary in families.” And so you’re the one, your eyes and you use your authority for those. You can see them come in one by one. You take authority. You’ve got the authority because you’re related to them – they’re in your realm – and you bind the devil from them and command those blinders to come off their eyes. And sometimes you can’t just go, “Oh well.” You’re responsible.

Billye: We’re here at the end of days. Jesus is coming. Satan’s not going to give up like a pussycat. (He will run like a pussycat if you do what you’re supposed to do.) But he is fighting for
his survival. But there is nothing, nothing, nothing that says that darkness is going to rule here. We’re going to be the glorious church – hallelujah!

Anything God is going to get done, He’s going to get done through His body on the earth. This is what you have to get right now – and you have to get it at your house. And you can reign in your house.

We’re told to watch the Jews (the fig tree) to know when Jesus is coming.

**Hosea 5:14-6:2** For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him. I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early. Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

A thousand years is a day and a day is a thousand years (Peter)

These are very amazing times and they’re times for you to be who you are. Watch Israel and remember who you are.

**II Thessalonians 3:2-3** And that we may be delivered from perverse (improper, unrighteous) and wicked (actively malicious) men, for not everybody has faith and is held by it. Yet the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen [you] and set you on a firm foundation and guard you from the evil [one].