

Preparing to Command With Authority In Christ

When we speak about commanding, we're referring to how Jesus commanded the sick to be healed and demons to come out. **Matt 8:16-17, Acts 10:38.**

God has given the same kind of faith to His children! **Eph 5:1; John 14:12.**

Here are the preparation steps for disciples to be ready to imitate Jesus.

1. Prayer
2. Confession of God's Word.
3. Command in Jesus' name.

I realize this is not your average religious message!

PRAYER

Without faith it's impossible to please God (**Heb. 11:6**), so our relationship with the Lord is dependent on it.

In prayer, ask for wisdom (**Jam 1:5-8**), stir up your gifts (**2 Tim 1:6-7**), enlighten your understanding (**Eph 1:17-19**), believe for boldness (**Heb 4:16**).

Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit leading you into all the truth, who and when to pray for, and believe you receive when you pray (**Mk 11:24; Rom 12:1**).

CONFESSION

Your confession is powerful—it shapes the course of your life and determines what you will experience. By consistently speaking God's promises and truths over your circumstances, you reinforce your faith and align your thoughts and actions with His will. Let your words reflect unwavering confidence in God's goodness and faithfulness, knowing that your confession sets the stage for victory and breakthrough. (**1 Tim 6:12-13**.)

Remember, Jesus is the high priest of your confession (**Heb 3:1**).

*"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession" (**Heb 4:14**).*

Confess who you are In Christ (Gal 2:20), and pray in the spirit to build yourself up to focus on the reality of Christ in you (**1 Cor 14:4; Col 1:26-27**).

You are renewing your mind to the will of God (**Rom 12:2**), and ready for spiritual warfare to heal the sick, cast out devils, and raise the dead (**Matt 10:1, 8; Mark 16:17**).

COMMAND

Jesus is our example and He spoke with power, and so can you if you're a disciple of Jesus (**Luke 9:1; John 8:31-32; Acts 1:8**).

In the gospel of Mark, we find people who were *astonished* at Jesus' teaching with power and having authority, not just like religious leaders (**Mark 1:22**).

Luke 4:22, *"they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority."*

Luke 4:36, *"Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, 'What a word this is! For with authority and power, He **commands** the unclean spirits, and they come out.'"*

Luke 4:38-39, *"Now He (Jesus) arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was ^[e]sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. ³⁹ So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them."*

Jesus **commanded** things, trees, wind, waves, demons, and commanded the sick to be healed.

Jesus said to a man who had an infirmity for 38 years, *“rise, take up your bed and walk.”* (**John 5:8**).

To a man with a withered hand, Jesus said *“stretch forth your hand.”* (**Matt 12:8-13**).

To a man blind from birth, Jesus said, *“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”* (which is translated, *Sent*). *So he went and washed and came back seeing.”* (**John 9:7**).

The disciples, James and John, were so familiar with how Jesus **commanded** the sick to be healed, they began to think like that, too!

Luke 9:54, *“when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to **command fire** to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?”*

Peter and John commanded a certain man lame from his mother’s womb, *“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk”* (**Acts 3:6**).

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of death*, even the death of the cross.

Jesus emptied Himself of His privileges to walk like men.

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