

<b>Sermon Title/Topic:</b>	FAITH FORWARD
<b>Main Scripture References:</b>	Luke 7:1-10, Chronicles 29:11, Romans 8:17, Matthew 28:18-19
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## Sermon Overview

### Faith Forward – Awakening Authority

- Luke 7:1-10 tells the story of Jesus healing the Roman Centurion’s servant
- Jesus **marvelled** at the centurion’s faith because he had an understanding of authority
- To walk forward in our faith, we need to have an awakening of our authority
- Authority = “the right to act in a specified way”

### 4 Keys to Awakening our Authority in Christ:

1. Understand the authority we are under: The Roman soldier had a clear understanding of the authority of Jesus, the authority that He walked in, the authority that His words had
  - We need a continual awakening of the wonder and majesty of God
  - *Chronicles 29:11: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. We often hear of the grace and love of God, but sometimes miss having the right revelation of His power*
  - When we live in submission to God we have access to the power of heaven and are able to move forward, rather than going in circles when we live in submission to ourselves
  - The power of obedience – obedience to God is a daily choice, one that we need to make as we continually elevate God about our own desires, thoughts, wants.
  - C.S Lewis – Obedience is the road to freedom
2. Understand the authority we walk in: The Roman soldier had a revelation of the authority that he walked in because he would have been in charge of many men and had full authority to command people to come and go.
  - So often we don’t realise what we have access to as God’s children
  - *Romans 8:17: “And since we are his true children, we qualify to share all his treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God Himself. And since we are joined to Christ, we also inherit all that*

*he is and all that he has.”*

- We can access His freedom, joy, strength, peace, security, love, provision, healing, truth, boldness and fullness
  - Our access is not based on us being good enough or earning it, but simply because we are His children
  - Story of Ps Nadia’s dad doing a DNA test, similarly we need to do a spiritual DNA test and realise the DNA we have in God – this breeds a new security and confidence to step into everything God has for us.
  - We need to see ourselves the right way – not about looking internally, but looking into the Word of God
  - Our authority comes from who we are in Him, not who we are on our own
3. Understand the authority that comes with our mission: The Roman soldier stepped out in authority because of His mission and His mission was to stand on behalf of His servant.
- There is an authority on us to be the light of the world, to reach others, to be the hands and feet of Jesus
  - *Matthew 28:18-19: “All authority of the universe has been given to me (understanding the authority we are under). Now go in my authority (understanding the authority we walk in) and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (this is our mission to reach others).*
  - Whatever we find ourselves doing in life it comes back to reaching people with the love and truth of who our God is
  - The more we understand who we are, the more we understand why we are
  - The freedom we have in Christ is not to be kept to ourselves, but to stand on behalf of others, to not back down, to not get complacent, especially in this season.
  - Simple acts of kindness can open the door for us to show God’s love to others
  - We all have this authority to reach people, but we need to be intentional about it

### **CG Discussion Questions**

- 1). In what ways have you been encouraged by Ps Nadia’s message?
- 2). When it comes to the decisions we make, how many are based on the desire to obey God?
- 3). How have you had to change how you see yourself so it aligns with how God sees you?
- 4). In what ways can we be reaching out to our community more and demonstrating acts of kindness?