

Groups.

In a world filled with so many competing voices - our own thoughts, opinions, culture, fear - it's easy to forget which voice holds ultimate authority. The centurion's story in Luke seven reminds us that faith grows when we recognise and submit to Jesus' authority. His rule isn't about control, but about trust, covering, and love.

When we live under God's authority, we step into true freedom. We're protected, strengthened, and given purpose beyond ourselves. His Word renews our minds; silences fear and replaces anxiety with peace. Like planting truth that overtakes the weeds, as we sow God's Word into our hearts, His truth will always overpower the lies of the enemy.

To walk in godly authority, we must know who He is and who we are in Him. When we understand His character and our identity as His children, we can stand with confidence - not in our own strength, but in the power of His Word.

REFLECTION

Share something that stood out from the Sunday message 'Walking in Godly Authority'.

MESSAGE POINTS.

One: Recognising and Submitting to the Authority of Jesus

Understanding Jesus' supreme authority is the key to unlocking faith and experiencing His miraculous power in our lives. The Roman centurion recognised that Jesus' word alone was enough to bring healing, not because of his own worthiness or good deeds, but because he understood the authority Jesus carried. In a world filled with competing voices and opinions, it is vital to discern and submit to the voice that holds ultimate authority - Jesus, the One who holds the world in His hands and can be fully trusted. When we acknowledge His lordship, we open ourselves to His transformative power and peace.

Luke 7:1-10 (ESV)

After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. Therefore, I did not presume to come to you. But say the word and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he

comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

Discussion

Recognising His Authority

The centurion understood Jesus' authority so deeply that he believed one word from Jesus could change everything.

- *What does it practically look like for you to live with that same confidence in Jesus' authority over your circumstances?*

Submitting to His Lordship

The centurion didn't rely on his own worthiness, but on Jesus' word.

- *In what areas of your life do you find it hardest to surrender control and trust Jesus' word above your own understanding or feelings?*

Experiencing His Power

Jesus "marvelled" at the centurion's faith - faith that flowed from understanding authority.

- *How can growing in your awareness of Jesus' supreme authority lead to greater peace, faith, or miracles in your life this week?*

Two: The Power of God's Word Over the Lies of the Enemy

God's Word is the ultimate authority and the most powerful weapon against the lies and accusations of the enemy. Just as planting strong trees overtakes stubborn weeds, sowing God's truth in your heart will crowd out fear, anxiety, and hopelessness. The enemy's only strategy is to get you to believe you are defeated, but when you meditate on and declare God's Word, you step into victory and peace. It takes diligence and daily choice, but as you fill your mind with God's promises, His truth will flourish, and the enemy's lies will wither away.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (ESV)

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God and take every thought captive to obey Christ.

Discussion

Recognising the Battle

The enemy's strategy is to plant lies that distort how we see God, ourselves, and our future.

- *What are some common lies or thoughts that try to take root in your mind, and how can you recognise when they're not from God?*

Replacing Lies with Truth

God's Word uproots lies and replaces them with His promises.

- *What is one Scripture or truth from God's Word that has helped you overcome fear, anxiety, or doubt in the past?*

Renewing the Mind Daily

Victory comes through consistency - planting truth every day until it overtakes the weeds of deception.

- *What practical habit or rhythm can you build this week to fill your mind with God's Word and silence the lies of the enemy?*

Three: Walking in Your Identity and Authority as a Child of God

When you know who you are in Christ, you can walk in the authority and victory He has won for you. You are not defined by your past, your failures, or the enemy's accusations, but by your union with Jesus - His life, strength, and victory are yours. As a child of God, you are complete, empowered, and protected. It's time to stop listening to the voice that says you are defeated and instead "strut" with the confidence that comes from belonging to the King of kings. Step into your God-given authority and live out the freedom and purpose He has for you.

Colossians 2:9-12 (ESV)

For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

Discussion

Knowing Who You Are

Our confidence comes from knowing who we belong to, not what we've done.

- *What voices or past experiences have tried to define your identity, and how does God's Word redefine who you truly are in Christ?*

Living From Victory, Not For It

Jesus has already won the battle - we simply walk in His victory.

- *What would change in your mindset or daily life if you truly believed you were already victorious through Christ?*

Walking in Authority

As children of God, we carry His authority to speak truth, resist the enemy, and bring light into darkness.

- *What is one area of your life where you need to stand in your God-given authority this week—and what would it look like to do that practically?*

WATCH

<https://www.youtube.com/@LIFEMelbourne/videos>

NEW SERVICE!

We Are excited to announce the new 1.30pm service is here!! Together with our 9am, 11am and 6pm services, we are following God's leading, putting out another jar for God to pour into, so we can increasingly reach Melbourne with the hope and love of Jesus.

This isn't just about another service - it's about:

- **Making room for more** – more people, more families, more of our city encountering Jesus.
- **Preparing for West** – gathering and empowering a team so we are ready when God opens the door for a new campus.
- **Ownership for everyone** – creating opportunities for all of us to engage our God-given part.
- **God's blueprint** – a multiplication model that sets us up for what God has ahead.

Every faith step requires a stretch, but as we multiply, our prayer is that it will be done in strength.

As we take this God-led step of obedience, we carry an expectation that it will enable many to step up in ownership and engage their God-given part. If LIFE is your home but you're yet to play your part, we'd love to have you join a great team across any one of the four Sunday services.



If you love church, this is how you can help others to love it too!

Do you love to make people smile? Do you love to make someone's day? Do you love helping others?

We believe that serving on team is an expression of love for God, the church and others, so check out some of the ways that you can make a difference on team, doing the things that you love!

Play My Part - <https://lifeau.org/playmypart/#findateam>

GROUP PRAYER POINTS

Pray for each other's personal journey as a disciple and discipleship in our church

- Being in the presence of Jesus, becoming more like Jesus and continuing the work He did.

Pray for the Holy Spirit's presence

- That we would be led, filled and empowered to live surrendered, love God and serve others.

Pray for Decade of Destiny

- **Debt Free on Sims and Stage One** Believe that we could be debt free on the purchase of Sims St and the stage one fit-out costs.
- **Launch Two New LIFE Campuses** That we would pioneer two additional LIFE campuses across Melbourne and continue to make room for more people to discover the wonder of Jesus, find their family and step into all that God leads.
- **LIFE Homes** To have short-, medium- and long-term accommodation navigable to enable emergency support, crisis help and essential care to key areas of vulnerability.
- **Education Services Engaged** It is our vision that we will have multiple pathways that we will be able to bring lasting transformation to our communities through learning and education and reverse the cycle of poverty.
- **Sims Street Revival** God is entrusting us to first and foremost lift up the names of Jesus and see many thousands upon thousands discover His eternal life.

UPCOMING DATES

20th October – Prayer & Fasting

24th – 25th October – Sistahood Conference

26th October – Ps Jemima Varughese