

# ✓ Power Under Authority

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Luke 7:7–8 (ESV)

**Say the word**, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup> 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.

*Luke - 1st Century - Roman domination*

**We have a lesson on the power of being under authority! This spiritual lesson does not come from the religious but from a military officer.**

*Confidence for 2019*

Luke 7:1–5 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>After he had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup> Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. <sup>3</sup> When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. <sup>4</sup> And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, “He is worthy to have you do this for him, <sup>5</sup> for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue.”

*immediately*  
**The military officer recognizes Jesus’ status!**


Luke 7:6 (ESV)

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.

**This Roman military commander, he recognizes authority and power. As a Roman military officer, he recognized that his own authority and power came from those over him. Therefore this Roman military officer did not refer to himself as a man in authority, but he refers to himself as a man under authority. Therefore his power came from those over him. He was a man under authority! Therefore being under authority with the power from those over him all he had to do was speak the word and his commands were carried out.**

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<sup>7</sup> Therefore I did not presume to come to you. **But say the word**, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup> 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.

 **The Roman military officer recognized that Jesus, like himself, drew his authority from a higher source. He knew that all Jesus had to do was speak and all spiritual power would move to carry out what Jesus said. To be powerful Christians, we need to understand being under authority!**

**As Christian we don't stand in our own authority, but we stand in God's authority.**

**Joseph is a great example of how this works.**

Genesis 41:44 (ESV)

Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.”



**All the authority was with Pharaoh, but it was to be exercise by Joseph. This same principle applies to us. As Christians we exercise authority and power that totally belongs to God.**

*There is power when God speaks.*  
**There is the power from God when we speak!**

Isaiah 55:11 (ESV)

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
**it shall not return to me empty,**  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

**The words we speak will complete its purpose and never returns empty. Of course we are to speak consistent with God's will!**

1 Peter 4:11 (NIV)

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God.

**Nevertheless our words have authority and power.**

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However as people under authority, Jesus commands us to recognize this and to go forth with confidence into any situation!

Matthew 10:19–20 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup> **For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.**

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Jesus will marvel when we learn this!

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Luke 7:9-10 (ESV)

When Jesus heard these things, he **marveled** at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” <sup>10</sup> And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

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This is a level of faith Jesus desires for us!

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John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Prophetic Team**

***Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.***