

## Discipleship 401 Chapter 08 Overcoming

Open with insights in the last while or perceptions of what the Holy Spirit is doing.

Matthew 17:20, He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a **mustard seed**, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

As has been discussed, Apostolic authority could be thought of as, "signs and wonders". It is beyond the spiritual gifts given in the 9 "manifestations of the Spirit". This is the authority in the Apostolic mantle. Whether the mantle over his anointed church or the individual, it works in a similar fashion. The individual strengths of ministry are the areas that are passed down to others the easiest. To specifically address the above scripture, Jesus was showing the power of apostolic authority. Let's shift the focus. Paul said that he was given authority to build the church not tear it down.

Matthew 16:19, I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be<sup>[a]</sup> bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be<sup>[a]</sup> loosed in heaven."

Again, speaking of apostolic authority, he is giving them the use of his apostolic authority. How may this authority be used to help build people? Discuss

Colossians 3:5-9,-Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices .

Humans have deep hearts desires that are set in perverse ways. Even though we have God's Spirit to help us develop new ways, we have this old nature that makes it difficult to walk new ways. What is commonly called the Baptism of the Spirit, gives a deep filling of the Spirit and greater sanctification to release greater of the Spirit and if prayed for, even impart the gift of tongues as well. If not specified, the Spirit will begin to manifest those gifts he has given to the individual – the ones he is wanting you to develop in serving him.

Colossians 3:12-14, Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Discuss possibilities for Apostolic authority to bring good changes in people.

You may be part of a church that has a good foundation of the Lord's salvation, grace, forgiveness and a focus on love for one another. The church may have good respect for God's Word – the inspired scriptures. Perhaps there are some revelations from the Lord here and there and you have good leaders and teachings. But maybe you feel there should be a greater manifestation of the work of the Holy Spirit in the church. Revival brings a greater work of the Spirit. It is up to the people involved as to how much the Lord will add in the way of ministry. It is not man's effort that brings about ministry work, but the Holy Spirit leading and prompting. One has to be open to something different but you can't push change that the Lord isn't initiating or people's hearts aren't set on. 'The heart set on it', is what keeps a person steadfast in the ministry God wants to use you in. Even Saul had given his life to serving God, but was misguided. In many people the devil has perverted a desire that may have started with something good. Sanctification brings a change of old desires to new healthy ones. Apostolic authority helps cleanse of old desires and bring about new desires that are beneficial when praying for individuals.

Remember that anything you can pray to impart to an individual, you can pray for the mantle over a particular church. This will strengthen this aspect over that particular church. Think of the church body as an entity like a person. The church mantle is there for all the participants to draw strength from. If in some situation the Lord was to use someone to act or pray and do something of a major miracle, the Lord will work his apostolic authority through faith in the situation. If that person didn't have the gift of faith before, they probably would after. It doesn't require an apostle for God to work apostolic authority. Discuss any situations similar to this.

Mark 10:14-15, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

We get jaded and hardened as we go through life and this inhibits us from believing and receiving from the Lord. The authority of the Lord may be used to restore child like traits back into a person's life. You are not making them a child but restoring traits that allow that person to mature in a greater more rounded manner. You are giving the person traits that allow them a better foundation to grow stronger in greater stature of maturity. Some people may have specific trauma from their past that needs to be healed. "Fractures" and "wounds" in the heart and soul can be spoken to be healed and this will be brought to pass. Discuss this concept.

You can pray for traits and abilities for one another; greater heart of humility & integrity, greater discernment of intents and motives of people as well as greater wisdom in dealing with people, restoration of child-likeness of heart, greater deeper confidence in faith as well as boldness and decisiveness in acting in faith, a greater experience of God's love and a greater desire to love God, a greater leading and awareness of the Holy Spirit. Pray now as you feel you ought to.