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- “The secret prayer chamber is a bloody battleground. Here violent and decisive battles are fought out. Here the fate of souls for time and eternity is determined, in quietude and solitude.”



# Matthew 10.1, 5-8

Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

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<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans.

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# What is authority?

- Merriam Webster:
- power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior

# What is authority?

- Certainly a relationship between power and authority, but there is a difference.

# What is authority?

- Do Christ's first followers have power to heal and cast out demons?

# What is authority?

- **Do they have the Holy Spirit at this point?**

# What is authority?

- The right to represent someone or something that has power.
- Authority includes the right to command behavior but is not the power to command behavior.

# Have we been given authority?

- Matt. 10.7
- Matt. 28
- Eph ch. 1 and 2

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# Eph. 1

- <sup>19</sup>That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

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- <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

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- <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,  
<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

# Eph. 2

- <sup>6</sup> And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,<sup>7</sup> in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

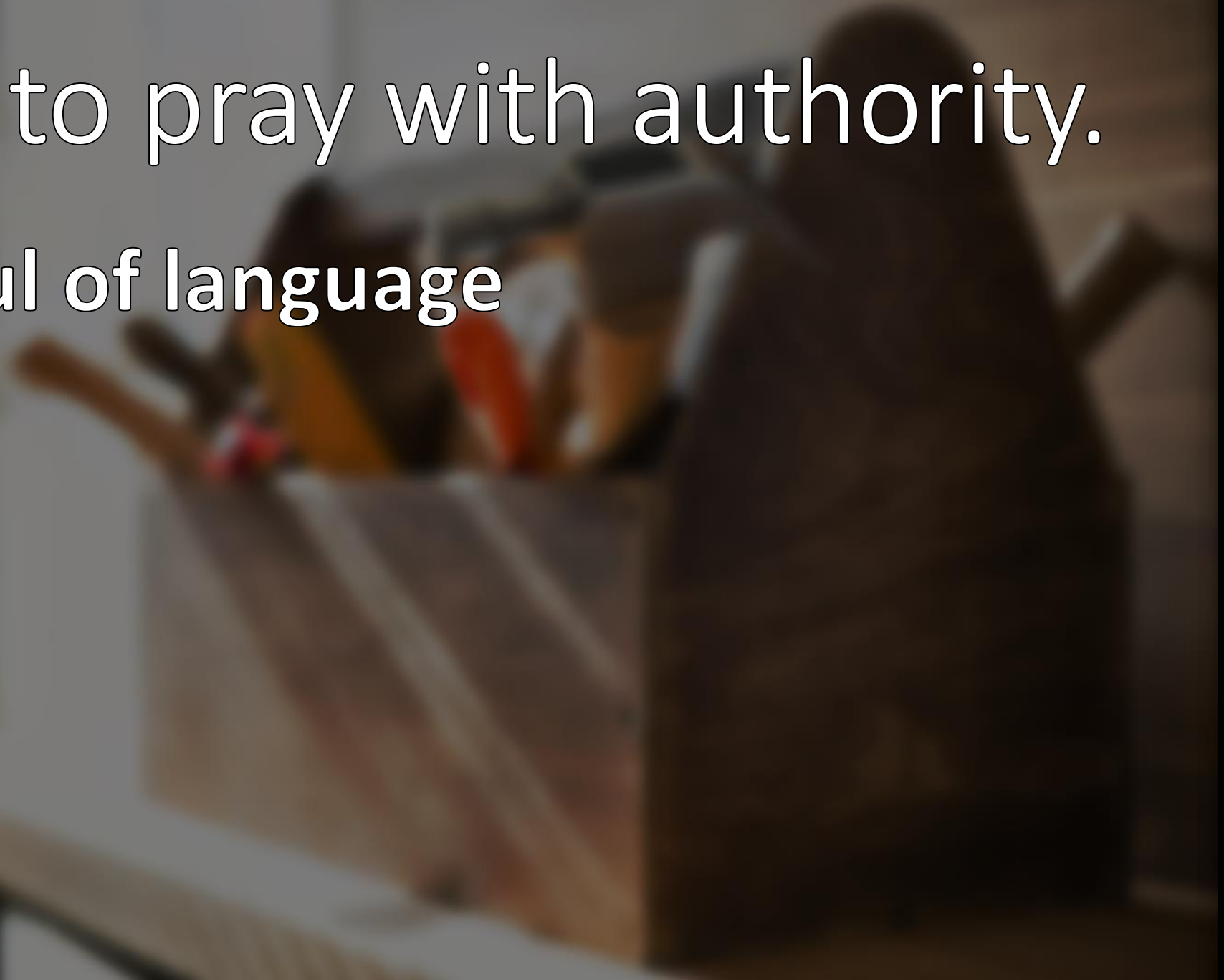


# Have we been given authority?

- While an argument can be made that Christ's first followers only had authority, we have been given both authority and power through the Holy Spirit.

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- Careful of language



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# Matt. 10.8

- Jesus didn't tell his followers to pray for the sick he told them to heal the sick.

# Ex. 14

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. <sup>16</sup> Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.



In his authority, Jesus...

- Spoke to demons
- Spoke to the wind
- Spoke to a fig tree
- Told his disciples to speak to mountains.

# Mark 11

- <sup>22</sup> Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. <sup>23</sup> “Truly<sup>[f]</sup> I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.

# How to pray with authority.

- Careful of language
- Speak it out loud
- Speak to it (prayer in opposite direction to most)
- Pray in Jesus name.

