#### Charge in the Name of Jesus

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#### Soldier

2 Timothy 2:4

No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.



## Soldier

A Soldier:

- Leaves behind his life of comfort to serve his government.
- Gets trained in mighty weapons
- Defend his country
- Enlarge territory

Hab 2:4 – For the earth shall filled with the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea



# What does it mean to

## have authority?

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## Authority

## The power and right to give orders, make decisions and enforce obedience.



#### **The Power and Right** Luke 10:19

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.



#### The Power and Right Ps 8:6-8

#### You have made them a little lower (in placement) than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet



#### **The Power and Right** Luke 4:3-5

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone." The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.



#### **The Power and Right** Luke 4:3-5

And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God



## **The Power and Right**

Watchman Nee: The conflict of the universe is centered on who will have authority. Satan is very much afraid of us being subject to the authority of Christ. Our conflict with Satan is a direct result of our attributing authority to God



#### **To Give Commands** Matt 8:5-10

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly." Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?"



#### **To Give Commands** Matt 8:5-10

The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me.

## **To Give Commands**

#### Matt 8:5-10

I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.



## Authority over Spirits and Disease

#### Luke 10:20

Nevertheless do not rejoice at this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."



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#### Ps 103:20

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.



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#### Heb 1:14

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?



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Luke 9:1

He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority (to give orders, make decisions and enforce obedience) over all devils, and to cure diseases.



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Acts 3:6

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."



#### **Make Decisions**

- Our measure of success in reinforcing our authority is directly linked to our ability to make decisions of obedience to advance the Kingdom of God.
- The most dangerous soldier is the one that breaks his alliance with his government. There are only two sides – light and darkness. Even sitting on the fence and being passive is a win for the enemy.



#### 2 Cor 10:3-5

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.



Strongholds are bricks built by thoughts to give a place for either the enemy to occupy a certain area of your life if it is built on lies or for the Holy Spirit to dwell and empower if it is based on truth.



Our mandate is to actively break it down, arrest every invading thought, tie them down, bring them to the obedience to the truth of Jesus Christ and replace it will the truth of Christ. We do it by using the weapons God has given us.



It is lie-based thinking, default landing strips of your thoughts that is not rooted in Christ. We use our authority to swiftly deal with wrong thinking so that the only commands we give will be from a place of fullness in Christ. The only decisions we make will be based on reality and not lies.



