

WEEK 4 – Authority Friday - "God Given Authority"

BIBLE STUDY:

Read Mark 16:15-19

Devotional:

My Father was the ultimate authority in the house and we as kids all knew it even though mom did most of the discipline. It was dad who was the ultimate authority and carried out discipline when we needed it most. I feared displeasing my father more than my mother even though I didn't really understand why. As I grew up and began to understand things more, my dad did have the tough job of being the ultimate disciplinarian with mom's backing but they were a team caring for us the way God cares for us.

We have been given that kind of authority also as Christians. Our heavenly Father has blessed us with authority over sickness and the enemy! Even though we have this authority we don't always walk in it. We doubt or we just assume that it's not for us but a gift for someone more worthy than I.

Mark 16:17-18 says, "And these signs will accompany those who believe; In my name they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

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PRAYER:

Things to pray about:

- Pray that you will walk always in faith believing that the word of God is for you.
- Pray for guidance in how to use this God given authority.
- Pray that you will live for Jesus in such a way that others will see this God given authority.

Pray that you will lead others to walk with Jesus in the same way.