

## Authority

### Scripture Reading — Luke 4:31-37

*They were amazed at his teaching, because his words had -authority. — Luke 4:32*

Being a pastor can mean that people think of you as different from most others—as if you are more spiritual and know everything about faith and God. I've never really gotten used to walking into a room and being seen as different or having authority because I am a pastor. It makes me nervous—as if every word I say has to count and everything I do is watched carefully.

I need to be constantly reminded that Jesus is the true authority and power. I'm nothing special, and I haven't accomplished anything by my own power. On my own, I'd just be a couch potato, watching TV reruns and eating Cheetos all day. But with God's power and authority, I can help lead a church and present his Word to others. God's power is so much greater than mine, and that's a really good thing!

I think we all need this reminder in our lives. Any time we begin to think we have all the answers, we need to be reminded that ultimately it all comes from God.

At the end of Jesus' ministry, he told his disciples that all authority had been given to him. Then he sent them into the world as his representatives (Matthew 28:18-20.) By his authority we are sent to bring his good news of grace and love to the world as well.

Our faith isn't built on our own abilities and strength. It is built on Jesus' power and authority.

### Prayer

*Jesus, remind us every day that you are in charge. Your power and authority are supreme, and we are your people, living in your world and showing who you are to people every day. Help us, Lord. Amen.*

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