

LESSON 2: It's ALL or NOTHING (Trust and Obedience) Handout

SERIES: Practical Ways of Walking in your GOD-given Authority > POSITIONED for Authority > Submitted to GOD > Lesson 2: It's ALL or Nothing (Trust and Obedience)

Brief RECAP from LESSON 1:

- GOD wants us to really grasp and understand that we have AUTHORITY! HE gave it to us in the beginning and went to great lengths to restore to us. HE WANTS US TO USE IT.
- There were 3 segments the SPIRT portioned out to me:
 1. The **POSITION of Authority** or **Being POSITIONED for Authority**
 2. **The ASCERTAINMENT of Authority** - What is the scope, territory, context of our Authority.... again from a practical perspective
 3. **Applying our Authority**.... knowing how to rightly apply our authority in various situations and circumstances.

- Of those 3, we began a dive into the POSITION OF AUTHORITY

- Within this segment we FOCUSED on the position of SUBMITTING TO GOD and have begun to break this down and better understand it practically and not just with a religious or ritual mindset
- In order to walk in TRUE Authority you must be *UNDER* Authority
 - SCRIPTURES Referenced:**
 - Matthew 7:28-29
 - John 5:19
 - John 12:49-50
 - Matthew 8:5-10
- When it comes to submitting to GOD, the true sense of it is COMPLETE. Meaning we submit ALL.... Total surrender.
- Submitting to each other is a very clear exercise in humility. Submission works humility into our hearts and character.

SCRIPTURES Referenced:

- 1 Peter 5:6-7
 - Ephesians 4:2-3
 - Micah 6:8
- We saw that WORSHIP is an action that exercises and represents Submission and Humility.
- Encourage you to continue to do the Worship Challenge as often as you can.

- We continue our dive into the POSITION OF AUTHORITY
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- So, in order for us to be “UNDER” authority we must be submitted ... and to be truly submitted it requires TRUST and OBEDIENCE.
 - **TRUST** (Webster 1828 Dictionary):
 - Confidence; a reliance or resting of the mind on the integrity, veracity, justice, friendship or other sound principle of another person.
 - Veracity = **conformity** with truth or fact : **ACCURACY** / habitual truthfulness

SCRIPTURES Referenced:

- Proverbs 3:5-6
 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
- Psalm 37:5
 - Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.
- Proverbs 16:3
 - “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”
- Trust is the piece of belief that requires action. You cannot trust without there being an action on your part or an impact to you.
- Trust and Faith although each are “individual” they are also dependency linked.
- Trust is an offshoot of Faith.
- You can believe in or have faith in something but applying your trust is what activates it in YOUR life (personalizes it) and provides evidence and shows your commitment to the object of your faith.

- GotQuestions Article (<https://www.gotquestions.org/difference-faith-trust.html>)
 - Faith is inseparable from trust; it's the confidence that God can and will do what He says in His Word. Faith includes both intellectual assent to something and trust in it. So we believe something to be true, and we also place our trust in it—we rely on it. Faith recognizes that a chair is designed to support the person who sits on it, and trust demonstrates the faith by actually sitting in the chair.

Faith without trust is not faith. Belief without reliance is empty. Many people believe certain facts about Jesus Christ, but knowing those facts to be true is not what the Bible means by "faith." The biblical definition of faith requires trust in—a commitment to—the facts.

- Hard times or times of vulnerability truly show where your trust resides
- Trials and times of vulnerability are another example of "opportunities" to practice / apply Kingdom principles here on earth.
- This application is to get it out of solely action and into our hearts.
- GOD WANTS OUR HEARTS... He wants hearts totally devoted and submitted to him.... He wants HIS WAYS and HIS CHARACTER embedded in us.
- Thus we need to relook at trials in our life

SCRIPTURES Referenced:

- James 1:2-7
 - **2** Consider it all joy, my brethren,[a] when you encounter various trials, **3** knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. **4** And let endurance have its perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. **5** But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God,[b] who gives to all without hesitation and without reproach; and it will be given to him. **6** But let him ask in faith, without any doubting—for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. **7** For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord— **8** he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
- Trust and obedience go together. Trust comes from your full submission to the one you are trusting. It does not work on your own terms.
- Trust and it's true sense is based on surrender and release of your own will and abilities and complete reliance on another for your welfare, results, expected end.

SCRIPTURES Referenced:

- Hebrews 11:6
 - But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- Isaiah 26:3-4
 - You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal.
- Psalm 112:7
 - They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
- Psalms 56:3-4
 - When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?
- Mark 11:24
 - Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.
- Disobedience often exposes areas of mistrust in your life and thus exposes areas that are not submitted - Example: Achan
- Example of Obedience:
 - Esther
 - Esther 3:6-17
 - So Hathak went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate. ⁷ Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸ He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to instruct her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people.
 - ⁹ Hathak went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰ Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, ¹¹ "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king."
 - ¹² When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³ he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape.
 - ¹⁴ For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from

another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"¹⁵ Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." ¹⁷ So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions.

- Esther had to shift from viewing things from the natural and recognize her spiritual position
- Once doing that, she recognized the "Greater Rule" or Higher Authority.
- She embodied the scripture in **Matthew 10:28**
 - "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Instead, fear the One who is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna."
- Esther is another example of a heart submitted. You see this in her relationship and obedience to Mordecai and to GOD.
- So, this week, I have another practical application challenge for you:
 - Every day this week, take time to pray for the person you are assigned. You can also pray for other people, but be sure to include the person you are assigned as well.
 - This is an exercise of submission because we are laying down ourselves, our wants and taking the focus off ourselves and instead putting our focus on a brother and sister in Christ.
 - Philemon 1:4-6
 - "I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ
 - **DUE NEXT WEEK :** Prepare to share any testimonies you have from the week and / or what GOD placed on your heart for someone you prayed for.

KEY WORSHIP SONGS from 3/8/25 gathering:

- GOD, Turn it Around by Jon Reddick - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_52iPLuWHs
- He Wants It All by Forever Jones - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jv9hpD0Um4I>

BE ENLIGHTENED, STRENGTHENED, AND TRANSFORMED BY HIS PRESENCE THIS WEEK!

PRAYER Template (optional to use):

ABBA, YHVH, Sovereign KING of the Universe. As is in YOUR Word, I am lifting _____ in prayer to YOU. YOUR Word says in James 5:16 that the prayers of the righteous are effective so I stand in YOUR righteousness agreeing with YOUR plans and purposes for _____ and say "Let it be so...
to YOUR fullest intent!

FATHER, As Ephesians 1:8 says, I pray that the eyes of _____ 's heart be enlightened in order that (he/she) may know, experience and fully live in the HOPE to which YOU have called (him/her)... and what is the richness of YOUR glorious inheritance in YOUR holy people. I stand in agreement with YOU and against the tactics of the enemy trying to keep _____ blocked, hindered, and impotent in this earth. Let _____ not doubt the fulfillment of YOUR promises in (his/her) life AND trust in YOUR truth in Psalm 145:18-20 that YOU surround (him/her) with care by YOUR own hands every step of the way through (his/her) journey in this life.

ABBA for any trials, hurdles, or areas of concern in _____ 's life, I intercede for (him/her) that where YOU are guiding (him/her) through, that (he/she) see the steps, provision, action, decision that (he/she) is to obtain.... and that _____ FULLY receive and utilize what YOU have available to (him/her). And anywhere the enemy is trying to disrupt, bring confusion, cover or veil, bring pain, doubt, fear, try to root unforgiveness, or have _____ be discouraged, or get out of YOUR timing, I ask that YOUR Heavenly Host war on _____ 's behalf to help _____ obtain the VICTORY YOU have for (him/her) (Hebrews 1:14). I thank YOU for the abundant resources YOU have provided to help us... including the angelic as is in Hebrews 1:14. There is NO limit, NO lack and NO inability in YOU!

ABBA, recognizing the FULLNESS YOU have, I'm interceding for my (brother / sister) _____ right now that (he/she) recognize and obey YOUR Holy Spirit in EVERY AREA of (his/her) life... not just in SOME areas so that (he/she) can walk in the FULLNESS of YOU. I speak a unifying of (his/her) person, that every part of _____ come into alignment submitted to YOUR SPIRIT! I come into agreement with _____ 's prayer and heart's cry to nurture a submitted heart within (him/her)... to YOU ...trusting YOU... and walking in the FREEDOM of (his/her) GENUINE IDENTITY! IN YESHUA's NAME **AMEN & AMEN SO BE IT!**