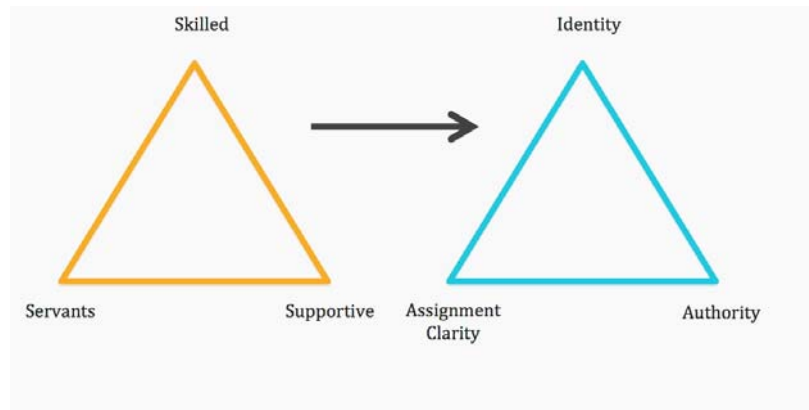


# Leading Communities into Life: Authority

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age” Matthew 28:18-20



## What is authority?

‘to direct and control; to regulate by authority; to influence; to direct; to restrain; to steer or regulate the course of; to exercise authority, to maintain supremacy’ Webster  
Authority is delegated power

## Why Can Jesus give us authority?

He earned it through His life, death and resurrection.

## What are the implications of living out our God given authority in seeking to lead our communities into life?

‘Having a proper revelation of our identity determines the level of Kingdom authority we walk in, which will determine the amount of influence we have in bringing the Kingdom of God to earth.’ Kevin Dedmon

- 1) Acts 3:6 ‘Silver and Gold I do not have, but what I have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth , walk’
- 2) Changing atmospheres .... being thermostats not thermometers
- 3) It will affect your speech; not just confidence, but how and what you speak.

“You will decree a thing, and it will be established for you; and light will shine on your ways” Job 22:28

## How can you grow in living in authority?

- 1) Need a revelation of our identity and authority in the place of intimacy
  - Ephesians 1:17-22, 2:6

- Romans 8:15-16 Sons and daughters ... co-heirs (Also John 1:12 and Ephesians 1:5 (we are adopted))

Both in Jewish and Roman culture when a son came of age the father would present the person to those gathered and say this is my son and this meant that from now on this son had the authority to transact on the family business on his father's behalf.

- Psalm 2:8 I will give you the **nations as your inheritance**, and the uttermost parts of the earth as your possession. (Also Psalm 115:16)

## **TOOLS: Prayer, Bible, Meditate**

**Practical.** When are you going to take time daily to allow God to reveal your identity and authority?

You know you have it when you naturally begin on a regular basis live from that place

### 2) ReMIND self

- a) What authority we have
- b) Basis of our authority .... Contend for it. Satan will tempt you to deny your identity, authority and assignment

There's a reason the devil confronted Jesus 3 times saying "If you are the Son of God...", shortly after God himself spoke from Heaven: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I'm well pleased." He knew, if Jesus got that "sonship-thing" down, he'd have access to all of his Father's resources and become unstoppable.

How would it look like today, to walk this earth understanding that all of the riches and blessings of heaven are your heritage? How would your perspective on God and yourself transform, if you fully understood that He is already completely pleased with You?

## **ReMIND yourself: - Tools: - Silence and Solitude**

**Practical:-** What are the lies you have been believing about yourself? What truth did God give you? What is the truth about your identity and your authority?

**Let us go and play tag/it ... change our worlds and lead our communities into life**

## **LIVING IT**

- 1) What two or three things challenged you most this morning? Why?
- 2) How specifically and practically are you going to apply what you learnt this coming week?
- 3) Who is going to keep you accountable to the above?