

THE AUTHORITY OF HEAVEN



Godwin Amavi

He didn't say it to a room full of bishops.

He wasn't speaking to seminarians.

He was talking to some fishermen, a tax collector and a handful of motley followers.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

Matthew 28

If we belong to the Master, those words apply to us.

Make disciples?

Of all nations?

Baptizing?

Teaching?

The good news.

We are actually going to do it.

We are going to make disciples.

We are going to connect with all kinds of people who do not belong to our tribe.

We are going to baptize them into Jesus' death, and raise them up into Jesus' life.

We are going to set fire to their hearts through the power of the Master's words.

And the Lord will be with us all the way to the End.

We begin where we are, with people we know, and people who will soon be stumbling into our lives.

We don't need a program.

We don't need a strategy.

We need only the authority of heaven.

We just need to abide in the Vine.

We need to pray the way the Lord Jesus teaches us to pray.



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The authority of heaven is given to those who abide in the Vine.

“If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

John 15

The authority of heaven is given to the poor in spirit.

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5

The authority of heaven is given to those who speak and live the truth.

Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice.""

John 18

The authority of heaven is given to those who carry a cross in their hearts.

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9

The authority of heaven is all we need.



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*Prayer- Holy Father, we turn to you, we set our hearts and our lives before you in prayer, we seek to live in you, to live humbly, to exude forgiveness and kindness, and to take up the cross set before us... so that we may live in the power of heaven now. May we rise up in the authority you offer us, the precious gift of the power of heaven so we may transform lives, make disciples and teach many to observe your commands, that they may be baptized in your Spirit. We are ever thankful and in awe of the power and authority you give us and for you, you, yourself dear Lord, and for your presence that will never leave us.
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