

# **THE AUTHORITY OF BABES**



***The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!"***

The authority of heaven rested upon these ordinary men.

How come?

Jesus explains:

***And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.***

***Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."***

What qualified them to have such authority?

They were babes.

They were children, looking to Jesus to show them the way.

***In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank thee, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yea, Father, for such was thy gracious will."***

*Luke 10*

## **A different kind of power.**

This world's power is seized by the ruthless, the arrogant, and the bold.

God's power comes only to babes....

**to those who draw near to Jesus....**

**And listen.**

**And believe.**

**And obey.**



Across the earth today are many who carry heaven's authority simply because they cling to Jesus with child-like faith.

Spirits are subject to them.

Their names are written in heaven.

### **The curse of vanity.**

When we marinate our souls in vanity the authority of heaven departs from us.

Faith is replaced by suspicion of anything simple.

We are no longer child-like; we're just gullible.

We gravitate toward voices that feed our suspicions and stoke our vanity.

Jesus walks into the room, and we roll our eyes and look at the floor.

We will remain blind until we "turn and become like children".

***At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them, and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18)***



To be “great” in this world, we go for money, status, connections in high places---this world’s power.

To be “great” in God’s world, we simply “turn and become like children.”

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*Prayer: Good Father, forgive us for our arrogance, our vanity, our suspicions, our quest for being right. All of these draw us away from a simple trust in you, making us miserable and blind to your very presence and goodness. Help us to let go of our need to be right, our need for authority, our so-called wisdom and attitudes. Make us childlike... so trusting in you, so confident in you, so in awe of you, so in love with you that nothing can shake our faith. We ask for this childlike faith that defeats the enemy at every turn, this childlike faith that bring healing, this childlike faith that brings us victory and authority over evil...But most of all this childlike faith that brings us joy in who you are at all times. Amen.*

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