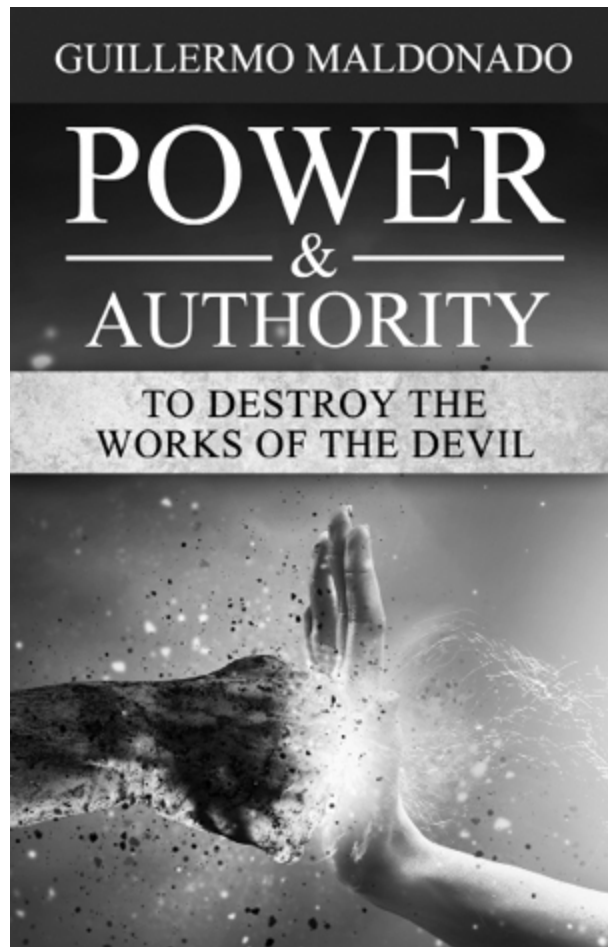


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HEALING MIRACLES

Magali Denarios – Doctor in Psychology - Venezuela

“For ten years I suffered chronic ulcerative colitis; a sickness without a medical cure that leads to death because it creates patches that bleed and destroy the intestine. In addition, a tumor in the uterus was found for which I would need surgery. I was in a desperate state and did not know what else to do. I was taking different types of medication, but nothing would make me feel better, and the chemicals were causing worse health problems. My spiritual leader in the church gave me the book, *Jesus Heals Your Sickness Today*, written by the Apostle Guillermo Maldonado. I started to read it and received the revelation that by “Christ’s stripes I had been healed.” I appropriated the Word, and the power of God came upon my body and

completely healed me. The tumor disappeared and the colitis never returned! God lives and His power heals today!”

Minnie Melton (64) – Nurse - Detroit, Michigan

“I only know that if I had not turned on the television that night, I would not be here today. I am 64 years old and had been diagnosed with lung cancer, stage three. That night I returned home from the doctor’s office, sat down, and began to change television channels. Suddenly, I saw a man of God, the Apostle Guillermo Maldonado, who was talking with such authority that he captured my attention. During the message, he said: ‘Someone watching television has cancer. God is healing you, now!’ I ran to the television set and, by faith, placed my hands on the screen, where his hands were, and I received my miracle. Soon thereafter I returned to the doctors to hear the good news. All traces of cancer had disappeared! Everything has been medically documented. Since then, I have followed the supernatural movement testifying everywhere I go that Christ healed me.”

Jexica Alcalá (38) - Mexico

“I had spent three years trying to get pregnant. This had been very difficult until God granted us this joy. We were happy waiting for our baby and everything was going well until the doctor told us that the baby was not developing normally. I was five months pregnant and the baby was still not moving. The doctors diagnosed that the baby would be born with seven infirmities and recommended abortion, but we rejected every diagnosis of illness and death. I was afraid and was not convinced of the power of God, but nevertheless I decided to attend my sister’s House of Peace. They prayed for me and during the same prayer, I felt intense heat in my womb. The heat felt so strong that I felt as if I was burning up—then the baby began to move for the very first time, and I knew then that everything was just fine. When I returned to the doctor for my follow up, the doctors could not believe what had happened; every exam came back good. My baby was totally healed, and there was no problem with the pregnancy. Thankful with the Lord, I began to attend church, and now my family is Christian and serves the Lord.”

CREATIVE MIRACLES

Oyvind Raahaas (67) - Norway

“I spent twenty years of my life deaf in the left ear due to a health problem. A doctor committed the grave mistake of cutting a vital nerve during corrective surgery in my ear. The result of this mistake was total loss of hearing. During the message, in a conference that was held in my country, Apostle Maldonado prayed for creative miracles. I felt as if something had opened up in my ear, and now I can hear, clearly! God did a creative miracle by giving me a new audio nerve because now I can hear better out of the left ear than from the right.”

Sebastián Fernández (37) - Argentina

“During a conference in Mexico held for business people, the Apostle declared that sudden miracles would take place. Sebastian was among those in attendance. Fourteen years earlier, he had suffered an accident that had gravely hurt his foot. Surgery was performed and metal plates and six screws were implanted into the ankle to help him walk. Years later, he could still feel the head of the screws through his skin; this caused him great pain. In the meeting, after the prayer, Sebastian was able to prove that the screws had disappeared completely, along with the pain. The power of God had turned metal into bone. Glory to God!”

Diana Moreno (30) - México

“My entire life I would feel shame when my friends talked to me because I could not hear them. I was born deaf in my left ear. When we learned of the Apostle’s visit to our country, my husband and I traveled twelve hours to get to the conference. That morning, after he declared the supernatural power of God to do creative miracles, I received the word of healing and began to hear, normally! They prayed for me, and I just kept thanking God. Later I asked my husband to talk to me on that side, and I was able to prove that I could clearly hear everything he was saying to me. That was a miracle! It was an impossibility, but God did it!”

DELIVERANCE

Pedro Alvarado - Cuba

“I practiced all types of the occult. I consulted the Ouija, received guidance from demons, practiced witchcraft, fed demons, and much more. One day, everything changed because the demons began to torment me, and I was no longer able to endure it. Afraid and desperate, I went to a church, but nothing happened; until I went to King Jesus Ministry one early morning where Prophet Ana Maldonado ministered to me, and I was set free of all demonic influences. God told me: ‘This is the place where you need to be.’ At the time, two years had passed since I had seen my son. He had been lost in drug addiction and witchcraft. When I was set free, he returned home, received Christ, and is now attending church free of all addictions. Out of gratefulness to God, I joined the vision of the church. Today I have a House of Peace, and my life is very different. The demons no longer torment me, and God is the Lord of my life.”

Nohemí Valentierra (19) - Colombia

“I was a Christian my entire life but struggled with depression, and since I was twelve years old, I had felt the desire to commit suicide. I would hear voices in my head saying: ‘You have to do it!’ In fact, I tried to commit suicide five times but was unsuccessful each time. Something always kept me from doing it. One night, during a church service in which the Apostle was ministering the power of the cross, I felt ‘something’ very strong. I was later told that I had experienced a powerful manifestation. I just felt that something very heavy was leaving me. The voices that I would constantly hear completely disappeared, and now, for the first time in my life, I can say that I am happy.”

Jade Thomas

“My entire life I have suffered with bleeders and blood clots in my underarms and close to my abdomen. As a Christian, I would always pray to be healed, but nothing ever happened. One night, during a special service in

Orlando, while the Apostle preached on the cross and generational curses, the Holy Spirit revealed to me that this sickness was a generational curse due to sexual immorality in my bloodline, and I immediately began to renounce that spirit. As soon as I went to the bathroom to check myself, the growths in my underarms had disappeared! God broke the curse, and I was healed, instantly. Glory to God for His supernatural power.”

MIRACLES OF RESURRECTION

Pastor Whatmore Makwara - Swaziland - Africa

“In June, 2014, I saw Apostle Maldonado via television, ministering the supernatural power of God. The impact he made in my life was so great that I began to follow him by Internet and to read all of his books; this is how I learned about the power of fasting and prayer and began practicing these regularly. I would lock myself away two days out of the week to fast and pray, read the books, and seek God. In three months, I saw the difference in my ministry. Our membership grew, the finances were doubled, and the miracles began to take place; people were getting set free, healed of cancer, and were receiving creative miracles. In fact, resurrections also began to take place! After teaching in my church, using the book, *The Kingdom of Power Here and Now*, instructing the people how to take the Kingdom and the power of God to the world, one of my leaders who had attended the class returned home and that night, a little boy, dead and wrapped in a blanket, was taken to his home. He remembered what he had learned during the teaching and began to rebuke the spirit of death from the child’s body. Suddenly, the boy sneezed and started to shake. He returned to life! His entire family also received Jesus.”

Reverend Samson Paul - India

“I was returning from a conference that was held at El Rey Jesus (King Jesus) where the Apostle Maldonado had taught and imparted the power of resurrection. I was feeling challenged and had received the impartation wholeheartedly. When I arrived home, I learned of a woman who had experienced complications in child birth. I was called to pray for her

because her baby had died. After praying for her, I ministered what I had received. I rebuked the spirit of death and declared the power of the resurrection... over the phone. A short time later, the woman called back to tell me that her baby was alive! The doctors were shocked. They could not understand what had taken place, and now they want to send all of the complicated cases to our church.”

PROSPERITY / FINANCES

Fanny Santos (26) - Honduras

“For five years I lived in the United States as an illegal alien. One day, at the church, I heard Apostle Maldonado preach on how to bring Heaven to earth through prayer. I took that word and asked God to give me the grace and favor to get my legal documentation and be able to live and work here, legally. I started to make pacts with God and to honor Him with my first fruits. The lawyers would tell me that it was impossible for me to get my legal residency or even a student visa, but I continued to trust in God and to pray. One day, the lady whose house I clean asked me if I was a legal resident, and I shared with her my situation. Out of her own initiative, she looked for a lady lawyer who took over my case and worked out my legal status. By the end of the January fast, after giving my first fruit, I received a phone call from the lawyer informing me that my legal residency had arrived.”

Cristina Pistono - Italy

“When I met Apostle Maldonado, during a missionary trip that he made to Palermo, Italy, all of my business ventures had been blocked. During his trip, I was able to tell him that I was a business woman and what was happening to me. The Apostle prayed for me and declared that God would open doors. Later, I attended a conference of one of his spiritual children, Pastor Ernesto Lopez, and through him I also received a prophetic word that confirmed what God was doing. In truth, I needed a breakthrough, so I decided to attend the School of the Fivefold Ministry held in Miami. Applying and getting a passport in Italy is a process that takes at least one

month, but I received it in two days. While still in Miami, during the School, I began to receive messages concerning my contracts from around the world, stating that these were being accepted and signed. Millionaire contracts were signed in only a matter of days—glory to God!”

Christine Fulford - New Hampshire – United States

“I live in New Hampshire, but I connect to the church services via Internet. One night, my daughter suffered an allergic reaction. The toes on her feet got swollen five times their normal size, and she was unable to walk. We tried different medications but nothing worked. While watching the service via Internet, the Apostle began to pray for the viewers, and I prayed: ‘God, if you heal my daughter, I will travel to Miami to testify of how You heal through the Internet.’ That night, with my daughter, we repeated the prayer for healing. When we opened our eyes, the inflammation had disappeared, supernaturally! I kept my promise and traveled to Miami to testify and keep my covenant with God, but God still had more because when I returned home, I received unexpected news: My husband had been paid a debt owed to him of twenty thousand dollars!”

EVANGELISM

One night, after receiving an impartation at the church, a group of young people went to the streets to evangelize. They arrived at a gas station where they found a young lady with a sprained leg. She was a cheerleader. The evangelists talked to her about the power of God and told her that He could heal her. They prayed for her, and the pain left her instantly. The girl removed the brace and began to jump around. But it did not end there because what we did not know was that she was traveling with her cheerleading team from Orlando; they had come to Miami for a competition. When she received her healing, she started to call all of her friends to come over. We greeted them and began to give them words of knowledge and prophecy. The entire team received Jesus as their Lord and Savior! Right where we were, the Holy Spirit healed every one of different ailments: Back pain, damaged ligaments, back problems, and knee problems.

The experience was glorious because in only a matter of fifteen minutes, about twenty cheerleaders were saved!”

Leonora Rodríguez (64) – Dominican Republic

“I had an obstructive pulmonary sickness that gravely affected my health and my life. I have been hospitalized several times with respiratory failure, once I was in a coma because my heart was not pumping the oxygen I needed. After trying many times to save my life, the doctors sent me home to die. One Wednesday, a woman prayed for me in her House of Peace. The following Sunday she brought me to the church in a wheelchair and connected to an oxygen tank. People prayed for me, and God healed me! I removed the oxygen, and now I breathe without any complications! The power of God did what the doctors had never been able to do!”

Police Officer, Juan Manuel Vizzuett - Mexico

“Some time ago I attended CAP (Prophetic and Apostolic Conference) at El Rey Jesus where I was deeply impacted. When I returned to my city, I received a promotion from one of the directors of the Police Department. I accepted the promotion with the condition that I would be allowed to pray every morning with the officers. I was given the position, assumed my new charge, and began to pray every morning with my friends. Many of them are now Christians, and supernatural things are taking place in our district. The prisoners are experiencing the presence of God and accepting Christ as their Savior. One of our fellow officers suffered a stroke and went into a coma for two months. We prayed for him, and the man was restored to full health without any consequences. He is now healthy and has returned to work.”

Introduction

It is important to identify the dangerous times we live in. Most signs indicating the Second Coming of Christ have been fulfilled. One of them is that wickedness and rebellion would increase. It is difficult to deny that the present generation is the most rebellious the earth has ever seen. The cause of this rebellion is the spirit of antichrist which opposes God and every authority delegated by Him. The most important characteristic of the spirit of antichrist is living without law—refusing to submit to authority—not believing in authority. People are led by intimidation, fear, and control. The spirit of antichrist is in direct rebellion against God, His delegated authorities, His principles, His Word, His government, and His order. His direct plan is to usurp this authority, take over, and govern the earth. Satan continues having power on earth, but he no longer has authority. Jesus took it back! As a child of God, you are the one who has the power, and the devil only has the authority you give him when you sin.

In the church, this spirit has divided whole congregations because the believers have lost the revelation of what legitimate authority means, of how to live under that authority, and of how to exercise it correctly. To exercise authority over Satan and his works, to submit him and cast him out, we cannot be in rebellion against God or His delegated authorities. Hence the reason we have leaders that are unable to rebuke a demon because the wicked spirits recognize authority, as well as the absence of it. Whether a mere believer or a pastor, they know that if a Christian is not under authority, this person has no authority over them.

But this is not the only problem facing this present generation. In addition to living in lawlessness, or without the revelation of it, it has also lost the power that the Early Church manifested to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom. In the Church of Christ, walking, experiencing, and demonstrating the supernatural power of God today seems to be something of the past because the people have learned to live without His power or

presence. Christ is viewed in many religious circles as a historic figure; in others as a philosopher or a prophet; for many people, His miracles are a myth or a legend. In modern Christianity, the principles that Jesus taught are also being preached but without His miracles, signs, and wonders.

The Hollywood film industry produces movies promoting the supernatural demonic as if the spiritual world were mere fiction. In the meantime, the Church only offers entertainment based on human charisma and moral human regulations but without supernatural power. However, the Church of Christ should be the one to present the supernatural as something real, powerful, and genuine. The power of God is real and true. We can say with certainty that this generation needs to return to the supernatural power of God and His presence under the legitimate authority of the heavenly Father and His delegated authorities on earth.

The Charisma of man has replaced the power and the authority of God.

Many people see a person's charisma and call it "anointing" because they have no idea how to discern between the two. The power of God is supernatural, but charisma is natural. The difference between the two is found in the fruit. You can be attracted by someone's personality, or their charisma, but the truth is that they lack the power to heal, to transform, and the authority to forgive, save, and deliver. This is why many Christian groups are led by the entertainment of other Christians that do not know the power of God or what it means to exercise it under legal authority. As a minister, father, mother, business person, politician, educator, or other, what do you offer this generation, so it can get to know God and follow Christ? Do you offer entertainment, optimism, or positive thinking? I believe that offering them the supernatural power of God is the only way to produce change in their hearts and receive the promises of God in their lives.

The Difference Between Christianity and Other Religions of the World

Before we deal with the subject of power and authority of God, I feel it is important to establish the difference between Christianity and other religions. If it were the same as any other, it would be in vain to try to change or to please God because there would be no reason for it. But among other reasons, Christianity is different because it is the only one that implies an intimate relationship with a living, holy, and supernatural person who is superior to any other, because He is the Creator of all that is known and beyond. In respect to the power and authority that destroy the works of the devil, let us look in detail at the differences that exist between Christianity and other religions:

1. The cross of Christ

The finished work of Jesus—the Son of God—on the cross marks the first great difference between Christianity and other beliefs. No other religion has the cross because no other leader, being innocent, offered his life to be killed in the place of humanity. Only Jesus Christ, on that cross, supplied the total provision of a full and eternal life for human beings, for this life as well as for eternity.

2. The Holy Spirit

The Spirit of God is the administrator of the finished work on the cross of Calvary and the one that empowers us to demonstrate everything that Christ won there. He is the one who gives us the authority to demonstrate the power and exercise the authority of Christ here on earth. Each time we open our mouths to declare His will and His Word, we are empowered to

heal the sick, to set the captives free, and more. Without miracles, signs, and wonders, Christianity is just one more religion.

3. The supernatural

This is a great difference. I would say that it clearly separates or distinguishes what we have in front of us. According to the Bible, Christianity believes that presenting Christ without the supernatural and the miraculous is not a true manifestation of the Gospel that He preached. If we don't have miracles, signs, and wonders, we are preaching another religion because other religions do not have the supernatural. Culture, society, and man can change or modernize, can value philosophy and intellectualism, can even develop all the technology they want, but God does not change, and His nature will always be supernatural above all else and beyond human intellect and abilities.

Modern Christianity simply believes that God has changed.

If God had changed, then the stars would begin to fall from their place, and the sun would stop shining because everything that was created by His hand depends on Him as the source and sustainer (Hebrews 1:3). The Bible testifies that God has not changed: “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever*” (Hebrews 13:8). He saved yesterday, saves today, and will continue to save tomorrow! He healed, set the captives free, and prospered yesterday, but He also does it today and will continue to do it tomorrow. He did miracles one hundred, a thousand, and two thousand years ago, He does them today and will continue to do them tomorrow!

Nothing in the character and the nature of God has ever ceased to exist.

God is as supernatural today as He was yesterday. His power continues to operate on earth with the same creative ability as when He created the world, sustained the people of Israel in the desert—making sure they had water and food—saved Daniel from the fiery oven, procreated Christ in the womb of a virgin, multiplied bread and fish to feed a multitude, raised the dead and, above all else, raised Jesus from the dead. This is the same power

that operated through the apostles of the Early Church to do miracles, signs, and wonders. You do not hear that a Buddhist, Muslim, or any believer of another religion goes to the temple expecting to see the blind recover their sight, the deaf recover their hearing, or the paralytics rise from their wheelchairs. But we do see Christians go to church expecting God to do miracles because Christ is alive and His supernatural power is real.

The day you do not want the supernatural, you reject God because He cannot be defined any other way. God is a supreme, supernatural being with supernatural abilities that bless His people in an unnatural way. When you claim to believe in God, you establish your belief that He is a supernatural being with a supernatural mind, characteristics, and abilities.

The Church has fallen into the trap of believing that the supernatural is a thing of the past and therefore no longer needed. Rejecting the supernatural of God is the same as rejecting God.

4. Christianity believes in a God of the now, not a historic God.

Another factor that establishes the difference between Christianity and other religions is that its Leader is alive. In other religions, everyone knows that their leaders are dead and buried in a tomb. Many of them make yearly pilgrimages to visit their tombs. But Christ lives! Our faith rests not only on the fact that He died to redeem us but also on the fact that He was also raised from the dead and ascended in a glorified body to the heavens, and today He sits next to the heavenly Father, alive!

Every Christian who knows their God is supernatural also knows they have an enemy over which they can exercise authority and cast out of their lives, body, finances, territory, and more. No other belief or religious philosophy has the power or authority against the works of the devil. They treat his works with psychology, self-help, meditation, reclusion, drugs, medications, and others. Jesus gave us the power and the authority to destroy the devil and his attacks. Only Christianity has this ability given by God, in the spirit realm.

This happened to Pastor Milad Soleimani, an Iranian raised in Argentina and a born-again son of God. In his words, he shared the following: “I was born in Iran in 1981, in the midst of the war between Iran and Iraq. Because of this, when I was but two years old, my mother brought me to Argentina where I grew up and still live to this day. I thank God for this beautiful nation that welcomed us. I am a direct descendant of Israelite Jews. My grandfather was a Jew who preached the Torah, but he left Israel to establish himself in Iran and eventually left Judaism and converted to the Muslim religion. Since then, my grandparents and their children, including my parents, have preached the Islamic religion.

When I turned eighteen years old, I had the blessing of knowing Jesus Christ and accepting Him in my heart; this decision gave me the peace that

no one had ever been able to give me. He blessed me beyond what any dead religion had ever done. I lived with my mother in Argentina, and my father lived in Canada. By age 19, I called him to share the news that I had met Christ. He was very upset and reacted as if I was talking about the world's worst enemy. When I told him that I wanted to preach the Gospel of Christ, he replied that this would not be possible; that I could not preach Christ because everyone in my family were Muslims. He said, 'You have to preach Islam, or you will be left alone.' I felt bad, but God had filled my heart, and I could not renounce the living God. My reply was: 'If you don't want to call me again, don't do it. I prefer to stay with my heavenly Father because Islam is not the truth. Christ is the truth, and He is the only one who has given me blessings and love. I will preach about Him.' He immediately cut me off from the family and his inheritance. Seven years have passed and today, the one sitting faithfully, night after night in my church, listening to the Gospel, is my father. He also found in Christ the peace, love, and power to transform his life—something Islam never did."

The Origin of Spiritual Power and Authority

THE ORIGIN OF AUTHORITY

Since the beginning, God is the ultimate, supreme, and absolute authority (Genesis 1:1); therefore, He is the source, origin, and generator of all authority. The fact that He is the Creator of this universe, and of all things in it, also makes Him the supreme legal authority over all created things. Therefore, He is the only one who has the power to establish and/or delegate authority in Heaven and on earth. *“For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God”* (Romans 13:1). In other words, the origin of all authority is God.

God hates disorder and chaos because these are the result of rebellion. The way He operates is first to establish order and later establish authority. We know this is true because in the beginning, *“...The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep”* (Genesis 1:2)—this happened because Satan had been thrown to the earth and, in his wrath, confused everything; hence, the first thing God did was to establish order; the second thing He did was to establish authority through Adam. Unfortunately, today our days are full of chaos and confusion. Order is not popular in this generation. Everyone does as they please, openly and violently resisting any attempt of submission or to bring order, limitations, or law—rebellion speaks out and agitates. It begins in the heart and ends in the mouth. It expresses it, it has a voice, and it demands attention.

The word “authority” is the translation from the Greek word *exousia* meaning the “legal right or authorization to exercise the power.” In a few

Bible verses, this word is translated as “power” (e.g.: Luke 10:19). Authority is the legal right to enforce obedience, especially when it has to do with Satan and his works. In the judicial realm of the Kingdom, we are the representatives of the law, called to enforce it on the earth.

Spiritual authority is the legal authorization to act like God here on earth.

CHRIST RESTORED TO MAN THE AUTHORITY AND THE POWER THAT HAD BEEN LOST

Jesus Christ brought with Him the power of the Kingdom of God and recovered the authority that had been lost—after His work of death and resurrection—leaving the devil defeated and deposed. Since Adam, until Jesus, no man had operated in the power of God in total authority. For this reason, in the Old Testament, we do not read about casting out of demons because in Eden, Adam had lost his authority to Satan, and it had to be recovered in order to free the people of God from all demonic influence. Adam had helped the enemy become legally powerful. But after Christ defeated the devil, this authority was recovered and returned to the Church, so it could operate as Adam and as Christ; therefore, we can and must exercise it.

Obedience takes away the enemy's authority, but disobedience authorizes it.

How much authority did Adam have? Could it be measured? In our human systems of government, for example, a mayor has local authority, a governor has authority within the state, a senator has federal authority, and a president has authority over all of these. When God created man, how far did his authority reach? God created all things and made them subject to Adam. The works of His hands were placed under authority of human beings (Hebrews 2:8). This explains why a man like Joshua could order the sun to stop. If a fallen man, under a covenant of lesser promises, could speak to the sun, how much more could Adam originally do?

Christ had to recover the authority that Adam lost. In the beginning, the authority Jesus had was limited to His obedience, but when He recovered Adam's authority, He made the following declaration: *"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth"* (Matthew 28:18). Jesus delegated this authority to the Church. Our authority today is jurisdictional, according to the purpose, calling, and place of assignation. In other words, we have total authority but only where He has placed or established us. The territory God has assigned to us is where we will govern and take dominion and lordship over that jurisdiction and exercise total authority.

The believer's authority is given according to the territory, purpose, calling, and assignation of the heavenly Father.

SATAN'S STATUS

What is Satan's status in the Kingdom of God? For example, the United Kingdom is an empire that has conquered several nations. Each time it conquered a territory, everything went under the Queen's rule. Every citizen born in this territory became a subject of the throne because it was subject to the kingdom—although they could also be slaves. The word “subject” means “bound to the authority of a superior with the obligation to obey.” When God placed Adam on earth, He gave him a kingdom called Eden, and all created things were subject to him. When Adam sinned, he gave his authority to Satan, losing his supernatural power to operate on earth. He came under the government of the devil and became a subject and slave of his rebellious kingdom. Christ recovered the Kingdom and defeated Satan—this authority is seen in Mathew 28:19—and then sent the Holy Spirit to impart us with power. Now Satan is subject to the Church, and he has no rights. In other words, he is subject to our authority with the obligation to obey us. Therefore, the only right he has is the one we grant him with our disobedience. The Church has to understand Satan's true state of being in order to place him underfoot and exercise authority over him and over his works.

Satan's status: Destroyed, disarmed, dethroned, and defeated.

This reminds me of the testimony of two young people in our ministry who went to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God in the Bay area of the city of Miami. With the revelation of Satan's status today, and the authority and power that operates in them as God's children, they manifested the Kingdom in a powerful way in the middle of the street. This is their testimony: *“My friend Josh and I were evangelizing in the center of Miami, in the marketplace that is close to the Bay. It was nighttime, and many of the restaurant and business workers were waiting for the bus. A homeless man approached us asking for change to return home, but we felt that what he really wanted was money to buy drugs. With great caution, we decided to confront him with what we were feeling. His first response was defensive, but*

later he said: 'You know, what you are saying to me is the truth. I lied to you, and I feel guilty. How did you know?' We explained that it was God. I said to him: 'We do not have money for drugs, but what we have we give to you,' and we began to talk to him about the love of God and of His power to set him free at that moment, if he so desired. We guided him in repeating the Prayer of Salvation and, with tears in his eyes and great conviction, he received Jesus in his heart. Afterwards, I prayed for him. The Holy Spirit showed me that he kept going back to drugs to alleviate the heartache produced by his family's rejection. I learned that he had been thrown out of his home and was carrying this offense in his heart. Once again, the tears in his eyes showed that he was impacted by our words. He continued to ask how we knew each detail of his life. Josh and I guided him in repenting for keeping record of those offenses and to renounce all resentment. While doing this, I placed my hands on his shoulders. Suddenly he began to shake and fell to the ground, coughing. We ordered all demonic spirits to leave him, and that young man began to vomit in the street. Suddenly, another man who was close by started to manifest a demonic possession. He started to jump while he yelled and moved as if possessed, right there in the street. In other words, we were witnessing a manifestation of the collision of the two kingdoms, which was impacting every person around us. Josh stayed with the first man while I went to the second one, and I started to minister deliverance. When I exercised authority over Satan's works, demons began to leave that young man who yelled as each of the demons left him. Later came peace upon them both, and they came back to their senses, as free men. The people around us also witnessed everything that took place; this caused such an impact that when we preached to them, everyone received Jesus. Everyone experienced the supernatural power to be set free, right there, in a totally worldly environment."

THE ORIGIN OF THE SUPERNATURAL POWER

God has spoken once, twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.
—Psalm 62:11

God is the source of all power. He is the originator of power because in Him resides the power to create, to exist, to breathe, to think, to feel, and

even to operate in the natural realm, but above all these to operate in the spiritual realm. Nothing moves or exists unless God has given it power to do so. The power to destroy the works of the devil also comes from the heavenly Father.

There is no doubt that the power that originates and comes from God belongs to Him. Why then do believers seek other routes or sources of power? What type of power is it? It is a creative power because God is a creator. Hence the devil is not God, because he does not have creative power. When he does something, he first sees God doing it and then falsifies it. The devil is an imitator; he is not original.

Today the last option man seeks is the power of God because the sinful nature of Satan entered man's DNA through the curse of sin and the fall. Since then human beings seek to fix their problems in their own strength, intelligence, and means; independent of God. The desire of man is not to depend on God. However, Christ confirmed that all power belongs to God when, after He finished teaching His disciples to pray, He instructed them to recognize before God that His is, "*The kingdom and the power and the glory forever*" (Matthew 6:13). God is the originator and creator of all things. This original, creative power came from His glory, where He created all things from Himself.

If you believe right now, this creative power is being released while I write this book to create what you do not have and what no one can create; for example, an organ in your body. God is creating new organs, kidneys, flesh, hair, teeth, and bones. If you need an organ in your body, receive it right now! If you need a creative miracle in another area just believe for it. God supplies finances by His supernatural power the same way He multiplies the bread and the fish. God creates legal documents where there were none. He creates things, places, and circumstances that did not exist. Right now, in the name of Jesus, receive your miracle!

God is as much a Creator today as He was in the beginning of Creation, when He created the heavens and the earth. He can create something out of nothing because that part of God has never ceased to exist. Many believers

know Him as Savior but not as Creator; that is why they do not receive their miracle. They reduce God to what they know of Him and do not place greater expectations on His power. We know that the Lord is a healer, deliverer, and provider; therefore, we cannot limit Him. God can create an organ in your body that doctors had removed in surgery. I have seen this many times. I have received documented testimonies of livers and kidneys being created where there were none. I have seen fingers grow, with bones, cartilage, flesh, skin, and all else—where they had previously been cut off. This is a part of God that has never ceased to exist.

If there were a part of God that could stop existing, or being, He would not be God.

“They are created now and not from the beginning; and before this day you have not heard them, lest you should say: Of course I knew them” (Isaiah 48:7). At this instant, God is manifesting another part of Himself that you have not seen. You have been called to see His glory in the land of the living—every day, season, and age—because He always creates something new! What do you need God to create for you today: Your body, family, business, or ministry?

ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POWER OF GOD

1. The power of God validates who He is

By definition, God is supernatural and cannot be defined any other way. The problem of not seeing Him as the supernatural Supreme is not believing in Him as the Almighty God. It is interesting how the supernatural and miraculous offend the modern mindset of the denominational theology, which pretends to lead us to a faith that is dead and void of power. Here we see an inconsistency in religion. Many churches preach God and do not manifest His supernatural power. They preach of Him as if He were dead or as if He did not have power on this earth over any of the problems we face, as if Christ had gone to heaven and could do nothing more until He takes us

in a cloud to heaven in His Second Coming. Has God stopped being the same? Has He changed His mind concerning His promises? Has He decided to make us wait the rest of our lives? Religion gets offended when it does not understand something; when someone challenges its rigid cannons of dead works. But God cannot be limited by human intellect or by man's rules. He is supernatural and beyond reason. His nature exceeds the area that dominates our mental ability. Christ is "*The brightness of His glory and the express image of His person*" (Hebrews 1:3) by whom God the Father "*made the worlds*" (1:2); and Christ did powerful miracles, signs and wonders unquestionable to the human eye, with the power the Father gave Him. Christ is the manifested power of God because He is the Word and the word is action and movement; it is not static or a religion.

The supernatural power of God is eternal, unlimited, and inexhaustible

His power endures the test of time because it was before time; it endures the test of space because this power created space, and it endures the test of matter because it can create, alter, move, transfer, and/or multiply it. The power of God is infinite, inexhaustible, and unlimited. Sometimes we place barriers and impossibilities; we limit a God who is unlimited by nature. If we understand this, we must begin by removing the limitations that our natural mind has imposed. We must let God be God. There is nothing beyond or above His power. The bigger the obstacle and the more difficult the circumstance, problem, crisis, or sickness, the greater God will be. He does not know the impossible. He only knows the impossible is possible.

Without the supernatural power of God, we are incapable of supplying the needs of the people.

3. The power of God resides in His Word

In Jesus, “*who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power*” (Hebrews 1:3), we have the most visible expression of the power of His Word. The power of God has resided and will continue to reside in His Word. Sometimes we cannot identify the manifestation of the power of God because we do not know where it comes from.

“*So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it*” (Isaiah 55:11). The Word of God is eternal, fixed forever; it does not have an expiration date, and it does not recognize time or space. God always prospers His word for the purpose for which it was sent. God created the earth, heavens, planets, stars, sun, ocean, moon, and everything continues to be in its place. This is proof that the Word of God resists the proof of time by the power that operates in it. In fact, the Bible says that “*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away*” (Matthew 24:35). Do not wait for someone to lay hands on you to receive the

power of God. His Word can heal, set free, and prosper you right now. Declare it!

Before residing in us, the power of God resides in His Word.

4. The power of God rests in the truth

The power of God has a personality that is not human, and it is not limited to a celebrity or to a famous or charismatic preacher; the personality of that power is the truth because God does not do anything outside of the truth. We know that truth is eternal, supernatural, and absolute. It is the highest level of reality that exists. The truth is not subject to change, and it cannot be negotiated. The truth cannot be less than a person because the truth is Christ—the Word made flesh—who said: *I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me*” (John 14:6); and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth (John 16:13).

The power of God rests in the Truth.

There is power when we preach the truth because God confirms His Word. You do not have to be a pastor, apostle, or evangelist to operate in the supernatural. It can also be a child, a senior, a man or woman, an elderly person or a normal believer who simply speaks, preaches, and testifies of the truth; God will support them with miracles, signs, and wonders. There is a supernatural power in preaching the truth. When you speak the word of truth, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the spirits of infirmity, poverty, and depression must go. Every demonic spirit knows it is subject to the authority of the Word and that it must obey because Satan’s kingdom was defeated. Remember that Satan and his demons are defeated enemies. This is why we must return to the word of truth.

The absence of the supernatural power of God is due to lack of revelation of the truth.

If we preach the truth, why are we not seeing miracles, signs, and wonders in the Church? Sometimes the truth is preached without power

because we deactivate that power with the limitations we place on God. We prefer to maintain everything in an environment or in a natural frame to avoid risking losing control, or our dignity before men. We find excuses, saying that miracles are not for today and that God does not do these things anymore; that miracles were only for the time of the apostles and the Early Church. But this goes against the Word of Truth because it says that God does not change; that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Therefore, if He did miracles yesterday, He can do them today, too. God has not changed. We have changed. In Mark 16:17, it says: *“These signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues.”* This promise does not specify the season, the (changes?), or any other excuses used today to avoid manifesting the power of God. It does say that these signs will follow those who believe. It will follow those who do not place limitations on the power of God.

You can go now to heal the sick, cast out demons, raise the dead, declare over the elements of nature, operate miracles, and it will be done because God is obligated to confirm His Word and the truth, now! Hence when the disciples of Jesus went to share the Gospel, they *“preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs”* (Mark 16:20). If you take away the limitations imposed on the power of God, there is nothing He cannot do, right now!

The Word of God is not exclusive for the fivefold ministries. His power functions for any believer.

5. The love of God is His power

God is love, and He has power. God does not have another power that is not His love. This love is supernatural. It does not change, and it goes beyond reason. It is not human love. It has no human senses or feelings; that is why it is supernatural.

Many say that we must focus on the love of God and not on His power. But the love of God is His power. If his son becomes ill, is there anything a father will not do to heal him? To what degree would you be moved by the

love of your child to save him? What moves God to heal or to set free is the same that led Him to the great act of love to save us: His love. Love moves us to compassion. Is it possible to believe in the love of God and not in His supernatural power? The love of God has the power to change all adverse reality. Christ has the power that supports His compassion because His love is His power.

There will be a new dimension of power wherever there is a new dimension of love. The experience of love will produce a manifestation of power to heal, set free, and more. When we see someone sick, love will lead us to manifest the supernatural.

When Satan sees love, he sees power.

That is why when Satan saw Jesus, he knew that He had come from God because he saw the love in Him as He healed, set people free, and saved the oppressed. It was common to hear Jesus say: “I have compassion on the multitude” (Matthew 15:32).

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN POWER AND AUTHORITY

Authority is the legal authorization to exercise the power. Power is the ability to carry out the task delegated by the authority.

The supernatural power is the miraculous ability of God. Not all authority has power and not all power is invested in authority. Have you ever seen a police officer with his uniform and the identifying badge? When an officer of the law stands on the street and signals to stop traffic, drivers see the uniform and the badge and immediately stop because they recognize the authority. A drunk driver, however, will refuse to stop and keeps driving or even hits the officer. Even with all of the authority invested in the uniform, the officer has no power to stop the car. But what if the same officer stands in front of the drunk driver with a tank? The officer now has the authority and the ability to stop it. Before, the officer had the authority but not the power; now he has both.

Born-again believers have the authority and the power given by God to crush and conquer every work of the enemy. The authority was given to us when we were born again. *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name”* (John 1:12).

The spiritual authority is given when we are born again, and the power when we are baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Adam was not created with authority; it was given to him. God created Adam and then invested him with authority and power to govern because the enemy was already on earth and had to be legally subjugated. Before Adam was created, Satan’s influence was already here. So God created man in His image and likeness with the purpose of government to exercise authority over the rebel that had wanted to usurp His throne and to establish His Kingdom and dominion on earth.

SATAN OPERATED UNDER STOLEN AUTHORITY AND POWER

In the New Testament, Jesus said: *“I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven” (Luke 10:18)*. Christ saw this in eternity, when He was in the form of God and not of man. He saw it because it had already taken place. The devil had taken a third of the angels from heaven; *“His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth” (Revelation 12:4)*. He had to be extremely influential to manipulate, control, and deceive angelic beings. This is why Satan was also called the “deceiver” (2 John 1:7) or “father of lies” (John 8:44). Satan was cast out of heaven for wanting to seize God’s authority. When he failed in his attempt and was banished to hell, all he could do was wait for his next opportunity, which arrived when God created Adam. He knew he could not obtain the direct authority from God so his next goal was to reach the next level of authority. With this in mind, he found himself in a place called Eden where a duplicate of God had been placed; one that spoke and acted like God and most importantly someone who had total authority over all of Creation: Adam.

In order to understand this principle of authority, I want to highlight here that Satan left heaven with power but without authority. Since then, all he does is seize authority because he is a rebel. This is the beginning of rebellion: To seize the legitimate authority of another. How many people today seize the authority given by God and use the power as a license to do as they please? There are leaders that left their churches in rebellion. They took people from their congregations and today have power and anointing but no authority. They claim to operate in miracles by the hand of God but act under a spirit of witchcraft.

It is possible to have power without the authority to operate it; but the power without authority is witchcraft. This is how Satan's power operates.

Some people practice witchcraft without knowing it because they are not under authority. They believe that the mistakes their authority made gave them the right to leave on their own accord, and without advance notice they left the authority placed by God. They are their own authority and without warning they have left the Kingdom of Light. Christ referred to these individuals by saying: *"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them: I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"* (Matthew 7:22-23). Christ makes two declarations here: 1) *"I never knew you."* *Knew* is the word used to refer to a communion or an intimate, close, and personal relationship. This means that these people will call Jesus "Lord" without ever having a close relationship with Him. The authority is given as the legal right to act as God, and it comes by having a relationship with Him. 2) *"You who practice lawlessness."* The word "lawlessness" means "iniquity"; perversion of power by which the power turns into witchcraft. Iniquity always has to do with perversion and witchcraft. It is perverted power, without authority and disconnected from the original source. It is a power that has been negotiated by the enemy in exchange for something.

Satan tempted Adam repeatedly until he made him fall into sin; then he robbed him of the authority that God had given him. Since that day, Satan was able to legally operate in his power on earth. This is why, before Christ, no one had the authority to cast out demons. While he kept or remained under the authority of the One who created him, man had His covering, but when he left that covering he became independent of that authority and was left unprotected, naked of the power and the authority with which he had been invested in his creation. The enemy did not seek wealth, gold, or silver in Eden. He sought the authority that God had given man. He hates God and continues attempting to usurp His place, lordship, kingdom, glory, and

power. Today he is a defeated enemy who is only able to acquire power and authority through man's disobedience to God.

How much authority did Adam have? Adam had authority over nature, over the cosmos, over all of creation, over the works of his hands and the elements of nature, over authority on earth and under the earth, over the sun, moon, and all animals. But he lost this authority when he became independent of God. At any time in your Christian living have you ever left His authority and exercised power outside of it? This is very dangerous because it is rebellion, iniquity, and witchcraft.

Adam was the only man, outside of Jesus, who had total authority and power.

Those of us who believe, and who have been baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit that Christ promised, can exercise the same authority and power over all created things. And yes, also over nature. I remember that in 2005, hurricane Katrina was coming directly to our territory, in Miami. It was hurricane season, and there was a strong climatic activity with much wind and storms. It was the end of August, and the news said that the hurricane would touch land in Miami with catastrophic destructive potential. On this day, the hurricane alert was at its highest, and the people were not leaving their homes. Only a small group of people arrived in the church that night. But with those few people, we came in agreement in prayer. As the apostle assigned to this region, I took authority over the airs and, according to the leading of the Spirit of God, I began to order the hurricane to deviate from its course. I cried out for God's mercy. I ordered the winds to change their course and for the hurricane to deviate towards the sea. Just as we prayed, that is exactly what happened, because I took the regional authority that as an apostle I had received from Jesus Christ.

A few months ago, before writing this book, we went on an apostolic mission trip to Venezuela. While in the hotel, I was visited by the governor of one of the great states in this country. He came to ask me to visit his state to pray because that region had been suffering with a drought for over a year, and he wanted God to send rain. I responded that I would wait to hear

the voice of God on this matter. During the conference, I felt great love for Venezuela, and the Holy Spirit came and told me to declare rain. This is what I did. I even asked God not to send the rain on that day until two hours after I had left. Miraculously, at the end of the event, and exactly after my flight took off, the rain began to descend. It rained nonstop for about two weeks and then the rainy season normalized. The power of God broke the curse of droughts and every consequence suffered in that region. The newspapers even registered this miracle of rain that ended the drought! You too can take authority over your region and begin to take dominion over nature to bring the blessing of God over your land.

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Characteristics of the Authority of God

To utilize the authority that Christ delegated to exercise His power on the land, we need to have revealed knowledge of that authority; otherwise, we can utilize it incorrectly. This is why I consider it important to detail the order established by God in the chain of command, or levels of delegated authority, by which we must function at the natural and in the spiritual level.

GOD ESTABLISHES THE CHAIN OF COMMAND

“But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God”

(1 Corinthians 11:3). This was His original intention since Genesis. God is the head and from there His chain of command continues or extends. In each realm, the head is the original authority placed by God; the one that makes the laws, receives the information from the body, decides, takes the initiative, and coordinate the activities of the members of the body it directs—the head makes the final decision.

The structure of the government of God always begins with a head. Where there is no chain of command there is chaos and confusion; and heaven is not there.

Let us see the chain of command established by God:

The Father is the head in the heavens

This does not mean that the Son and the Holy Spirit are less than the Father. They are the same in nature, attributes, power, majesty, essence, and more. But for order to exist, one has to be the head: The Father. In every organism, if there is more than one head, what is formed is a monster with two or more wills trying to impose themselves, one over the other. In these conditions, any use of power would be illegal.

In equality, God always gives the priority to the head. In His Kingdom, the priority is always for the One who was first.

Christ is the head over the Church

God the Father, “*put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church*” (Ephesians 1:22). From there, we see that it extends to the body of Christ, the local church, to the pastor or apostle; to whom God placed as head.

In the Kingdom of God no one is in authority until the person is under authority because that is how Jesus Christ lived and lives.

Man is the head of the home

God created man first, as king over Creation; and then He created woman as his ideal helper (1 Corinthians 11:13). The same is in the home. If the woman takes the position of the head, she is out of order and the home will be in chaos and confusion. Remember that this is Satan’s preferred environment, not God’s. Therefore, if you want to take authority in your home over Satan and his works, order must first be established. Women are the same as men in everything. Both are coheirs and governors, but even in this equality, with the same rights and privileges, the priority of authority is upon the man who is the head placed by God. The only exception in the submission to this authority is if the husband asks something of the wife that goes against the will of God. For example, if he asks her to stop attending

church. In the case of a single mother or a widow, she will be the head in the household for her children.

The boss is the head at the workplace whether he or she is the owner or the delegated authority of the owner.

“Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back” (Titus 2:9). It does not matter if the boss is good or bad, a Christian or not, he or she is an authority delegated by God to which you must submit and for whom you must pray. Everywhere you go to work there will be an authority to whom you must submit. If you don’t submit, you will not have a job for long. The only exception for obedience in this authority is if your boss asks you to do something illegal or that goes against the principles of God.

The president is the head of a nation or country

“I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior” (1 Timothy 2:1-3). Each citizen must submit to the laws, statutes, and rules of the nation they live in and must respect all authority that is delegated there. According to each country, the supreme authority can be a president, a prime minister, a king, or other. Remember that God is the one who places and removes kings. However, governments that are seized by rebel groups that refuse to submit to the authority placed by God are illegal governments. In the world there have been many “de facto” governments, military strikes, guerillas, and more who have taken by force a government that was instituted by God. For example, the people of Israel rejected the government led by the Lord through the judges and prophets, wanting to have a king like the rest of the nations. They rejected God, rebelled against His authority, and wanted something different. The exception to this subjection is when the government orders the disobedience of the will of God or to deny Christ, silence His Gospel, or break His principles.

***If you act outside your chain of command, you are in rebellion,
your faith will be contaminated, and your power will be perverted.
This way you will not have legal authority over the enemy and his
works.***

The authority of God is spiritual or supernatural

This authority is not of this world; it is not something that a president or prime minister can give. This authority is above and beyond all that is natural. It supplants and exceeds all natural and human authority. In fact, it is also above the laws of nature; hence creation must submit when we exercise this authority over it and within our spiritual jurisdiction.

True spiritual authority must be recognized

It is important that you discern the spiritual position of a believer or leader and what this person carries of God. Rome was a warrior nation that clearly understood the matter of authority. Each soldier knew his position and reach of his delegated authority; in their case, the authority delegated by Caesar. One level of authority in this army was that of centurion. This soldier would be placed in charge of a great number of men. The covering of a centurion was Rome. Everything he did was according to the law of the government of Rome, according to the assignment and the authority delegated by the same. This is why a centurion was a man under authority. He never did anything independently of Rome. The centurion that came before Jesus to intercede for the health of his sick servant recognized the authority in Christ and His position. We see this clearly when he said: *“Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it”* (Matthew 8:8-9). Note that when he made his petition, the soldier in high position called Jesus by a very significant name: Lord. If we observe most of those that came looking for Him called Him Teacher, Rabbi, or Prophet, but this centurion called Him Lord. This word, in its original language, was registered in the Bible as Kurios, and it means “God” or “Master.” The first

thing the centurion did was to recognize the position of authority of Jesus Christ. That military man was not a Jew. He was not under the law or had any knowledge of Jehovah or of the Messiah promised to Israel. His god was Caesar, and his devotion was to the different Roman gods. But he recognized the lordship of Jesus and identified His Kingdom from the perspective of faith. This man did not have the complete revelation of the person of Christ but he did have an idea of His authority. With his understanding, he asked for something that was the will of God to heal because he knew the fame of Jesus. With this, he removed all limitations from God. The centurion discerned the authority that Christ had over demons, over sickness, and over the elements of nature. He had the revelation that this authority worked in the natural realm without time or distance and that Jesus operated from His position as the Son of God, all while being a Man. In other words, the centurion knew that Christ carried an authority from another world. Because he discerned the authority of the Son of God, his servant was healed. This means that when we understand the authority of an individual, we can receive what that person carries and declares.

Faith is the recognition of the King and His Kingdom. If you recognize the Kingdom, you will be on earth as what you are in Heaven. This will increase your power and authority.

Authority has the characteristic of being transparent

A clear example of this is the history of the demon-possessed man from Gadarene (Mark 5:1-20) who saw Jesus from far away and the demon that tormented him began to manifest. The demon saw the transparency of Jesus. He saw Him in His authority and recognized it immediately. In our case, if we do not recognize the authority that someone carries, we will not be able to receive the blessing that his/her spiritual position can impart. As an apostle of the Kingdom of God, how do I measure the authority that I carry? When the people stand around me, the demons begin to manifest. They become nervous and some even curse or look at me with fear and full of hate; this because they recognize the spiritual authority I carry and the position from which I exercise it. For example, when you stand in the

presence of a president, you feel the person's authority; not because of the individual but because of the mantle of authority they carry—this is what happens in the spiritual realm.

The spiritual authority is progressive

David was anointed to be king when he was seventeen years old, but he continued fighting battles and building his character for several more years before taking the position. In other words, each time he won a battle and matured, his authority progressed from level to level, until the day finally arrived in which he became the King of Israel and began to exercise his authority as king. A prince is required to rebuke another prince. Satan is the prince of the power of the air, and Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

Authority can be won, and there is where it increases. And since different levels can be won, authority is also progressive.

I can narrate the testimony of how it happened in my own life. Twenty years ago, when I began to pray for those who were sick with asthma, arthritis, depression, and other illnesses, only a few would receive their healing. However, as I continued to pray for people with the same sicknesses, my authority increased with each miracle that took place. And now the number of people that receive healing is greater. If in the beginning I would see one or two people receive healing, now I see twenty, fifty, one hundred people receive healing. There are times that the miracles are innumerable because the power of God massively expands as the authority increases. When I started casting out demons, it would also take me a long time to do so. In a missionary trip to Latin America, I remember that I had to cast out a demon that greatly resisted me. It took me three hours to do it. I ended late and very tired, so I asked the Lord if it would always be like this. He answered me by saying that it would not be like this forever because I would gain authority before the demons as I matured in my ministry. Christ operated in an authority by obedience and submission, as a Man, but in the end He won all authority when He was raised from the dead. Today it only takes me seconds to cast out demons because I have gained spiritual authority not only over sicknesses but also over wicked spirits. This is why

my presence agitates the spiritual atmosphere everywhere I go. It agitates everything that is not of God in that place and it also brings His presence. When I enter a place, I expect sicknesses to disappear; depression to leave, and if there are demons present in a person, I expect them to flee! And God is glorified. I have seen people in wheelchairs rise up, healed, when I enter a place because today I walk in an authority that has progressed from less to great. But it is important to clarify that this does not happen of my own humanity but because of the spiritual authority that was delegated by God and which increases in my life as I do the work that He sent me to do.

I remember the testimony of a young man, Daniel Shearis, who visited our church a few times. He is from Mobile, Alabama. During a miracle service, he went forward to testify, and he said the following: "I came to Miami to visit my sister, and that is how I learned of this church. When I returned to Alabama, where I work in a Children's Center, I suffered a serious accident. As I was riding my motorcycle to work, I was distracted when one of the children waved at me. In an instant I lost control of my bike, and my foot went under the tire and broke in half. My foot was surgically repaired requiring three pins and three screws. The doctors told me that regardless of the surgery, I would have to live with the consequences of the accident for the rest of my life. I did not receive the doctor's diagnosis. I simply waited for the time when I could return to King Jesus Ministry because I knew that the power and authority of God flowed in that place to heal all sicknesses and to do the impossible. When I recovered from the surgery, I was able to walk but awkwardly because each time I took a step my foot would wave from side to side until I was able to stand on it. I could not be on my feet too long, and one thing that was impossible to do in that condition was run. A few months later, I was able to return to this ministry. I entered the temple expecting God to do a miracle in my foot. Half way through the service, the Apostle prayed for miracles and called forth those who had gone seeking a miracle. I was the first one to stand up because I was willing to receive my miracle. The first thing I did when I went up to the altar was to do something I had been unable to do for some time: Run! That night I ran all around the sanctuary; that was something I could not do before. It had been humanly impossible to do! There I remembered that

Jesus had said these signs would follow those who believed. I believed, and I received my miracle!

ORIGINAL AUTHORITY AND THE AUTHORITY DELEGATED IN THE KINGDOM

God is the supreme authority in the Universe. He later established a head for each realm to form new chains of command based on the original chain of command of God. Once He places or establishes the authority over the head, the latter can and should delegate authority to the body it directs, according to the areas, tasks, assignments, and purpose that must be carried out.

The original authority is upon the person that God places as head; this person will be the main authority—the one who will establish the laws and impart the personality or DNA to every organism. For example, Christ is the principle authority in the Church, and He delegated His authority to His apostles. In turn, they delegate authority to the different leaders within the Body to carry out the commission that Christ left us. The delegated authority must always be accountable to the original authority because that head authority is responsible before God. Furthermore, a delegated authority cannot assign or establish itself. The delegated authority ensures the fulfillment or exercises the laws established by the original authority; in the case of the authority delegated by Christ, within the Church, over the apostles and pastors, it turns into an original authority on earth. From there, the delegated authority cannot judge the man (or woman) placed by God upon whom rests the original authority.

However, to maintain the balance, and for every human begin to be submissive to authority and be accountable of their acts, this original authority cannot establish itself. It must be placed by God through another man whom God has assigned to do this on earth. This authority cannot freely do what it wants. It must also submit and be accountable to the spiritual covering. The head or original authority in a home or church is an authority delegated by Christ but original in function in its jurisdiction of

operations. The original authority can judge the delegated authority. Let us take a look at a few differences between original authority and delegated authority.

Delegated authority does not create the law; it only enforces it.

In my case, as the head of the Ministry that God has placed me in to govern, I establish different laws and mandates to function in order and under His will; it is not my wife, for example, but me as the head. Likewise, I am not the one in charge of implementing these. My leaders, upon whom I have delegated an area of authority, enforce the laws and mandates. For instance, if I say that every believer who is sent to be a House of Peace leader should take a course and go through deliverance, the leaders in charge of that area will ensure to fulfill that law. At the same time, and in everything I do, I am accountable to my spiritual covering or spiritual father here on earth, and to God, of course, “*...for high official watches over high official, and higher officials are over them*” (Ecclesiastes 5:8). We are all called to be accountable. When we fail to do so, we become our own authority, and that is the path that leads to our fall.

The original authority rests in the person who was first (the head)

We are sons and daughters of the Father, but Christ is the “*firstborn among many brethren*” (Romans 8:29). By the law of the Firstborn, the double portion of the inheritance is His and the fullness of that authority rests upon Him because He was first. The Father made Him the Head of the Church throughout the world; therefore, we are all subject to His original authority hence we owe Him our obedience and being accountable to Him.

The original authority must always publically endorse the delegated authority

For people to submit, respect, and obey the delegated authority, the original authority must publically endorse the person receiving the delegated authority. I always publically affirm the people to whom I delegate authority. If I ordain a pastor, elder, or deacon, I must inform the church, so the people will not resist the person. We received this example from Christ whom was subject to John the Baptist to be baptized, and the Father delegated the authority in the Jordan by speaking from heaven and saying: *“This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased”* (Matthew 3:17).

The original authority delegates spheres of authority, establishes the limits, and assigns a specific task to the person receiving the delegated authority.

Jesus was accountable to the Father; that is why we see Him praying in John 17:12: *“Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.”* The instant authority is delegated, the receiver of the same becomes second in the chain of command in that specific area. Therefore, that person must be accountable for his or her actions and decisions to the original authority. The instant the second in command rebels against the original authority or against the assigned task, he or she also rebels against the supreme authority: God.

If you have no intention of being accountable to your immediate authority, do not accept responsibility or authority.

The delegated authority cannot act independently from the head.

For example, in the church, the fact that you receive authority in a specific area of the vision—because you have a gift that benefits the development of the same—does not mean you can act independently of your pastor. He continues to be your spiritual authority and the person to whom God revealed and placed in charge of the complete vision; that person is also the one who extends his or her spiritual protection to carry out the assigned task. When you act independently of the head and of the vision established in the house, you are out of covering. In other words, your authority provides protection, but if you become independent, you lose it and all power you exercise will be illegal—witchcraft. In addition, the enemy will have a foothold in your life.

Faithfulness or loyalty will always be, first, for the original authority or the person who is the head; and second for the delegated authority.

In the church of Christ our loyalty goes to God first and then to the original authority placed by Him in each congregation; then to the authorities that were delegated in each area.

This principle of delegated authority is a mystery of God that functions to extend His Kingdom and activate Christians around the world. In our ministry, we constantly witness how this delegated authority operates through the spiritual children that the Lord has given us. The following testimony is of a group of young people in the church. “One night, during a House of Peace meeting, one of my mentors and his disciples went to evangelize and win souls. They asked God to guide them where to go and to give them words of knowledge specific to the people. They left, and by God’s leading they went to the emergency room of a hospital. When they entered, they saw a young couple sitting in the waiting room. He had a cast on his arm because he had broken it in an accident. When those young people approached the couple, they knew she had been praying for a long time for him to go to church, but he did not want to. My group of young people gave

the young man a word of knowledge and prayed for him. Instantly, the power of God came upon him and healed his arm. He removed the cast and proved that the pain had disappeared. Immediately he received the Lord in his heart and a week later, he was sitting in the church committing to serve the living God.

Later, during a missionary trip to Colombia, I sent part of that same team to preach in a youth conference. I delegated the authority to go and do the same that they have seen me do. Upon entering the church, they perceived the spirit of religiosity was very strong. The people were hard and their hearts were cold. At once they knew that the only way to operate would be to manifest the supernatural power of God. They released a word of knowledge about a person with back pain and a young man answered the call. The leader of my team felt the young man had one leg shorter than the other, so she had him sit down and proved that, indeed, his right leg was a few centimeters shorter than the left one and that this condition was causing him the backache. In a matter of seconds, the power of God came upon his leg, and it grew in front of the congregation. The back pain disappeared after having suffered many months with excruciating pain. That young man received the fire of God for the souls and the manifested presence of God. Furthermore, the hardness that had been in the congregation dissipated and their hearts opened up to experience the supernatural.”

These young people, operating under a delegated authority, were able to do more than many pastors, bishops, and high ranking leaders in the church who do not know how the delegated authority of God works over sickness and demons.

The Purpose of Spiritual Authority

In God, everything is done with purpose. There is nothing that God creates, imparts, or gives without purpose on earth or in eternity. With what we have seen up to this point, through the previous chapters, we know that the authority given by God has an eternal purpose which is exercised on earth. Here is where the battle between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of His enemy is fought; the battle between the Kingdom of Light and the Kingdom of Darkness. God created Adam and gave him authority over creation to take dominion on earth. Adam lost that authority and was left a prisoner of curses, a slave to sin and to Satan. Christ then came and by His work on the cross recovered that authority and gave it to the Church so it could, once again, place Satan under its feet and manifest the supernatural power of God to humanity.

Without the authority that Jesus recovered, all exercise of power over the devil was illegal. The enemy knew this and therefore constantly challenged the people of God. He knew that humans did not have authority over him. However, with the work of Christ and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the only thing the Church is missing is the revelation of that authority and its position in the spiritual realm. If we live in defeat in any area of our lives, it is because we have not yet received the revelation of who we are and of what we can do.

Who can exercise spiritual authority? I believe the answer to this question is key to every believer who doubts if he (she) can or not exercise authority and how, when, and where it can be exercised. The answer is easy and clear. Every born-again believer that is under submission to God and to the delegated authority can exercise the authority that Christ delegated to the Church against the devil, his demons, his works, sickness, poverty, and

everything that affects the territory that God has assigned because we are all representatives of the law and the government of God.

The principle purpose of authority is to legally exercise the supernatural power.

“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he” (Matthew 11:11). In the realm of authority, the believer represents God and His government. And Matthew 11:12 goes on to say: *“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.”* In the original Greek, this verse reads: *“The Kingdom of heaven has been taken by force and those who are in government or in power control it.”* In other words, the key is for those who are in government. They hold the key to bind and loosen (Matthew 16:19). To bind means to “restrict, arrest, close, tie, prohibit, declare illegal, illegitimate, or improper.” To loosen means to “undue, set free, let go, allow, grant permission to operate, untie, or to declare something legitimate, legal, or proper; to open or remove.” Therefore, do not complain because of your situation. God is in control through you. What you allow to happen will happen, and what you do not allow will not happen because God has given you the authority to bind and loosen from a position of spiritual government. When the enemy does not see government, he challenges your authority. Could that be the reason why he does not leave when you order him to leave your business, family, or child? Implement order in the area of your dominion (home, family, finances, ministry, church—if you were sent) and then begin to tie the enemy in the areas you are being attacked.

In Psalms 8:4-6, the psalmist reveals: *“What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.”* This is one of the most powerful declarations that we read in the Scripture. It narrates how and why man was created and with what authority he was placed on earth. The original intention of God was to

duplicate Himself in man. In Creation, the order of authority was God, man, and the angels. The original version says: “*He created him a little less than Elohim* (one of God’s names).” The angels were never created to be above man but to serve him. “*Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*” (Hebrews 1:14).

Christ, on the cross, defeated death, sickness, sin, poverty, the devil, oppression, bondage, the world, Satan, and his demons. And He gave you authority over all of these. Now you must assume that authority. Authority is something you take. If you don’t take it, the people, the devil, and the circumstances will take dominion of you. It will be like this over and over again, in one situation or another, until you say, “enough!” Until you get sick and tired of your situation, you will not take authority. After reading this, what will you decide? Will you take authority over that sickness right now? Will you decide to take authority over that oppression? Take authority over those circumstances that are ruining your life. Take authority over every wicked spirit that is destroying your family and order them to leave. Order that mountain to be moved in the name of Jesus!

Every believer has authority over all that Jesus defeated on the cross.

In the Kingdom, every act of power and authority has the purpose of establishing order.

Our King, Jesus, brings order in every area of our lives: Body, mind, emotions, finances, family, and more. The requisite for the Kingdom to come is order. When there is no order, the Kingdom does not come and that is why we need the power that supports the authority. Order always goes against every work of the devil because in him there is always chaos and confusion.

Every demonstration of power and authority is to subdue Satan.

“*Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you*” (Luke 10:19). The first thing Christ gave the disciples when He sent them

was authority over demons; this is also the first thing He gives us. *“And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease”* (Matthew 10:1). At that moment, the disciples received a level of delegated authority. They still had not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit or had been invested with power. But they were with Christ and so they flowed under His authority to go and do as He was doing. Even before the work on the cross was completed, Jesus flowed under the revelation of His work already fulfilled in eternity.

When the work at the cross was finished and He ascended to heaven, Christ gave us back the authority to deal with Satan and also filled us with His power to operate at the same level of anointing that Adam had in Eden; this so we could cast out Satan as Adam should have done. The purpose of you receiving deliverance is for you to take the authority and exercise it to set free other members of your family, coworkers, friends in affliction, and all those who are oppressed by the enemy. You have authority! Go in the name of Jesus and make them free!

Jesus never sent His disciples without giving them power and authority to cast out demons.

Every act of power and authority is to destroy the works of the devil.

“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil” (¹ John 3:8). This verse is clear evidence of the main reason for the coming of Jesus to this world: To undo the works of the devil. This is also our purpose—my purpose and yours. Wherever you see a work of the devil—sickness, death, pain, anguish, depression, poverty, misery, addiction, obsession, iniquity, accident, theft, violence, hate, divorce, abandonment, loneliness—destroy it!

You are the representative of the heavenly Father, just as Christ was when He walked on earth. Go in the place of God. Act as God, in His name and His authority, and cast out Satan. He will back you up with His power. You do not have to be perfect for this to take place, you only have to be under submission. Assume your position as a child of God, and believe that God will back you up.

Jesus had that authority over the demons because His purpose was to bring the Kingdom of God to this earth and to establish it, He had to displace the occupying kingdom: The kingdom of darkness. *“But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you”* (Luke 11:20).

Each time we use the authority that Jesus gave us, we cast out the devil and destroy his works—and then the Kingdom of God comes.

When Jesus was on earth, He manifested five specific miracles: The blind could see, the deaf could hear, the mute could speak, the paralytic walked, and demons left. During a missionary trip to Europe, I visited Norway, Ukraine, and Italy to take the supernatural power of God to thousands of people in each country, and the Holy Spirit spoke to me saying: “Demonstrate the five miracles of the Kingdom.” I obeyed and prayed a similar prayer in each nation: “In the name of Jesus and by the finger of Jehovah, I bind every spirit of infirmity and make a command of faith. At the count of three, I order every spirit of sickness to let the people go, now! Blind, see! Deaf, your ears are opened! Bones, be healed! Metal in bones, turn into flesh and bone!” And God began to manifest these five miracles! In Norway, an elderly woman called Aud received a healing that was so powerful that she rose from the wheelchair. She testified the following: “My name is Aud. I am seventy nine years old and live in Oslofjord. I have been ill for fifty years because of a medical problem that appeared when I was a child. I contracted a pancreatic infection, chronic bladder problems, and an infection throughout my body. I had to take countless antibiotics in the time span of a year which caused my intestines to collapse. I arrived in a wheelchair, and I tried to walk but the pain in my legs was unbearable. When I came to the altar to receive prayer, I thanked Jesus because I knew He had healed me. I had been unable to bend over without pain or help, but now I can walk all over the platform pushing my wheelchair and go up and down the stairs of the stadium. I was so happy that God healed me that I left the wheelchair and returned the following two days, walking!”

In Ukraine, I met an eight-year-old named Julia. She had been diagnosed with double vision and was unable to see the lines in her hands clearly. After praying for healing and casting out all spirit of sickness, she testified that she could see clearly. She started to look at her hands and was able to see the lines she could not see before. Jesus did the miracle! Irina testified that she had been deaf in her left ear since she was a child (she was now 34 years old). When I made the call for healing for the deaf, she placed her hand over her left ear and believed for her miracle. She testified that she felt heat in her ear and later a “pop” as if something had been unplugged. She then decided to prove her miracle. She covered her right ear and proved that she could hear normally with her left ear. The power of God healed her when I took authority over the spirit of deafness and healed her! A little girl was brought to the altar by her mother. She was mute; unable to pronounce a single word. I sent one of my team members to pray for her. She was later brought to me completely healed! On the altar, she was able to pronounce several words correctly and audibly! The power of God worked in her life and transformed an entire life plagued with physical ailments into divine health!

During my stay in Palermo, Italy, the miracles continued to take place. A certain woman testified the following: “My name is Victoria. I was born with a leg that was a few centimeters shorter than the other. I underwent fifteen surgeries to correct it but had serious problems after the surgeries and no positive results. Finally, the doctors were reduced to implanting screws to sustain my fragile bones, and I had to use crutches to move around. I could not walk well, but the night the Apostle told us to hold the hand of the person standing next to us and to ask for the fire of God, I felt intense fire and a unique sense of well-being. After the prayer, I felt normal and began to jump around. I even went up and down the stairs without any pain! Not only did I not feel any pain but my shorter leg had also grown! The metals disappeared and, for the first time, I was able to walk without limping or any type of help!

When the Kingdom of God comes to a place, we have the authority to manifest the love of the Father for His children here on earth. And as

evidence of this, the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the mute speak,
and those oppressed by the devil are set free.

Bases to Legally Operate the Power and Authority

All the children of God have the power that Christ conquered and gave us, but we need to be sure of also having the authority to govern it; of being aligned and fulfilling the requisites to exercise that power legally. In God, everything functions under the chain of authority, obedience, responsibility, and an eternal sense. Let us see what the bases are to exercise spiritual authority and legally operate the supernatural power:

The Law of Submission

“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). Here we see that for the devil to flee, we must fulfill two conditions: Submit to God and resist the devil. The lack of submission or disobedience is a condition of the heart for which this becomes unpersuadable; it does not budge, submit, or obey. The person whose heart is in said condition cannot legally operate in the supernatural power and with the authority delegated by God. Those who do not submit to authority cannot exercise authority because living under authority means to live under submission; there is no other alternative.

Lack of submission challenges us to exercise authority and being under authority is the key to exercise it.

One of the reasons is that when we face the enemy, we cannot go in our own name or in our own accord. We must go under the covering and with the support of the Kingdom to which we belong because if we are attacked,

we will not be alone. The covering of the authority is like an umbrella that keeps us and where the enemy cannot touch us. Many people does not want to commit because they see submission as control and manipulation over their lives, but in truth, it is the other way around. It is protection. The duration of the power is based on submission to the original authority and to the delegated authority. Remember that God does not commit with power and authority while in a state of rebellion. While you are not under submission, you will not have the authority of God.

Submission is obedience to the authority by choice, and its purpose is to place you under influence, authority, and divine protection.

The religious during Christ's time saw Him cast out demons and the power He moved in. They understood that someone had authorized Him to do it and asked: "*By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?*" (Mark 11:28). This was the same as asking: Who authorized you? Who gave you permission? Who is backing you up? They did not ask Him with what power He was doing it in but in what authority because they understood this principle. Christ operated as a man under authority. He died under authority; hence the reason God raised Him from the dead. He chose the path of humility to submit to the authority of the Father. He chose submission as a lifestyle because He had the revelation of how to exercise the genuine authority and all the power of the Holy Spirit. "*Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.*" (Hebrews 5:8). His maturity allowed Him to understand which the right path was. For all of these and more, Jesus is our best example of humility and submission. In fact, He is our path to the Kingdom because of it.

What determines your spiritual maturity is your humility to submit to authority. The manifestation of being under authority is humility.

The principle of the position as God's children

The power and authority of God are not based on knowledge, experience, personality, vision, gift, or age but on the position as children because the key is in that “*As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name*” (John 1:12). Before exercising authority, we must establish our position in Christ; from there we will live, walk, and operate. He operated His authority from His position revealed as a Son of God. Satan knows this principle that is why one of the areas he most often attacks the human being, even Christians, is the area of identity and fatherhood, in the natural as well as the spiritual. He knows that a Christian who has revelation of his identity, of who he is as a child of God, will be able to use the legal authority and the supernatural power to destroy Satan’s works and cast him out of his life, his family, his church, and from every territory God has assigned him to. He will be able to do the same that Jesus did. A believer established in a position of the spiritual world represents the greater danger for the devil and his plans.

The position of the believer, as a child of God, should be established in the spiritual realm before exercising authority.

The children have power, authority, privileges, inheritance, and can act in the place of the Father. If you know who you are as a child of God, you will move under the authority, and with authority, because of what has been revealed and not by what you feel. As a child of a compassionate God, you should have compassion of people, of their pain, but hate for the devil and his works. When you love what God loves and hate what He hates, you will not be able to withstand seeing anyone sick, depressed, or alcoholic. Just as it happened to Jesus, you feel compassion for the person and anger towards Satan and his works. Therefore, you will take authority and bring deliverance and healing because you are a child of God who knows your position and who lives under authority. That which we hate is the evidence of our love for God and of our position as children. The authority of God is the revelation and conviction of your identity and purpose.

The children who know their position and walk in subjection to authority can exercise authority.

The principle of Association

Authority can be exercised by association. When you enter into a relationship or place yourself under the covering of someone with original authority, you enter another dimension of authority because you have the same access. If you are under my covering, you will have access to my dimension. This does not mean you will be the same in authority, but you will have the same access in the natural, as well as in the spiritual. What I do, my children do as well. Where I go, my children go too, and what I have, my children also have. The heavenly Father is the same with us because “*If children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together*” (Romans 8:17). Jesus had revelation of this too, that is why He took His disciples with Him everywhere He went and prayed for the Father saying: “*The glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one*” (John

17:22). He knew the principle of association and the position as children to transmit to His disciples everything the Father had given Him.

The principle of honor

When Jesus taught His disciples to pray, the first principle He shared with them was honor: “*Holy be thy name...*” The word “*holy*” means “honor.” The principle of honor activates the law of exchange of the Kingdom; this is an exchange between God and man by which, when we honor Him, He gives us authority. This is why He said: “*Those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed*” (1 Samuel 2:30). In other words, when there is no honor, God cannot trust us with His authority. It is the same with the authorities that He has established on earth. If we do not honor them, they cannot delegate their authority.

Honor is another way to gain authority. Honor gives us access to authority.

HOW TO BREAK THE CURSE THAT CAUSES THE LACK OF SUBJECTION TO AUTHORITY

Condemnation represents a jail you will be in until you repent. There you will enter into a cycle where it seems that things will get better but in reality they will only get worse. Sin against authority reminds God what Satan did in heaven. Therefore, the curse caused by the lack of submission to authority breaks when the person takes responsibility, repents of resisting authority, rebellion, and lack of humility. If the Holy Spirit is convicting you right now, do not let the opportunity pass you by to align yourself to this Kingdom principle. Perhaps you are now facing the reason of your sickness, poverty, torment, fear, lack, family division, and more. If this is your situation, repentance and renouncing rebellion will activate the power of God and defeat any adverse situation.

Responsibility is the start to begin to exercise authority.

EXAMPLES OF THE EXERCISE OF POWER AND AUTHORITY

God has given us authority to legally exercise His supernatural power on earth to undue and destroy the works of the devil. When Jesus sent a group of His disciples to the homes, two by two, *“the seventy returned with joy, saying: Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name”* (Luke 10:17). The disciples were amazed because until then they had only seen Jesus Christ have power over demons. Demons must submit to us, just as they did to Christ, because it is the same authority and power. Christ said that in His name we could do the same as He did. Jesus made the devil subject to us. If he were not subdued, we would have to defeat him. But since he already is, our job is to subdue him and cast him out. *“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons”* (Mark 16:17). And this is done with the authority and power delegated by God.

Power backs authority, and authority is the authorization, right, or permission you receive from a greater authority to operate the power.

Every time Moses and Aaron went to speak to the Pharaoh, they would take a rod in their hands. The rod represents authority; we cannot govern with a brush but with a rod of authority. At different times, Moses had to throw down his rod or extend it, according to Jehovah's mandate. When he presented himself before the Pharaoh, he had to deal with the strong man, with the spirit that dominated in that place and which was represented by the cobra. In Egyptian culture, the cobra is a symbol of principality or dominion; the emblem of the Pharaoh and a god they worshipped. When Pharaoh required a miracle to demonstrate Jehovah's power, Moses threw down Aaron's rod (the rod of the priest), and it turned into a snake devouring the rods of the Pharaoh's priests and sorcerers which had also turned into snakes. There Moses was establishing his authority and binding the strong man. Later he was able to freely come and go from the Pharaoh's house. They were never able to touch him. He represented a different government: The government of almighty God. This is the principle by which many today rebuke demons but cannot cast them out because these do not see the authority of the government in the spirit realm.

Another clear example was when the Israelites reached the Red Sea followed by the Egyptians who were after them to kill them. Moses cried out to God, but He answered: "*Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it*" (Exodus 14:15-16). What God wanted was for him to use the authority and power He had already given him. Sometimes our prayers are not answered because we ask, instead of declaring from the position of spiritual authority, what God has already done.

The prophet Elisha, when he received the authority that rested over Elijah, threw the mantle over the Jordan, and it opened up (2 Kings 2:13). Immediately, Elijah began to walk in a greater level of authority and power. The mantle represents the anointing or power that supports the authority.

In the book of Acts, we rarely see counseling, but we do see casting out of demons.

While Paul and Silas were in the city of Philippi, the book of Acts narrates the following: *“Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, ‘These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.’ And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, ‘I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.’ And he came out that very hour”* (Acts 16:16-18). Paul used the authority that had been delegated to exercise the power and cast out the demon of divination that operated in that young woman. Immediately, the demon left.

Not long ago, during a crusade to demonstrate the supernatural power of God in Mexico, I declared the following prayer: “Father, I know your Word does not return void. Now, in the name of Jesus, and in the authority of Jesus, in His place and will, I order all spirit of infirmity to leave the bodies, right now!” Among all of the miracles that took place after I made that prayer, the one that impacted me most was of a woman who stood up from her wheelchair. Maria de los Angeles had been diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and half of her heart did functioned incorrectly, to the point of requiring an oxygen tank day and night. She could not live without it. During the crusade, after standing up by the power of God, she disconnected the oxygen tank and walked from the back of that enormous room to the platform to testify. She went up ten steps on her own, breathing normally. Once she was on the platform, she pushed her wheelchair turning around and around throughout the platform and giving glory to God! His words were: “Each minute that passes, I feel better and better. I was very weak and unable to breathe or walk because I could not catch my breath. Now, as time passes, I feel better and am regaining my strength.” With the authority of Christ and the supernatural power, I rebuked the spirit of infirmity in that woman whom the doctors had given up on, and she was healed instantly!

THE CONSEQUENCES OF REBELLING AGAINST THE AUTHORITY

Moses had taken the people of Israel from Egypt by the power of God and His delegated authority, but once they were in the desert there were many who believed they knew more than the deliverer that God had raised. They took advantage of every opportunity to challenge Moses' authority. The moment arrived when the rebellion reached its peak and led by Korah, they wanted to remove Moses from leadership. But God backed His delegated authority over His servant and *"the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods"* (Numbers 16:32).

Everything we do result in good or bad consequences in the natural and the spirit realm. By the law of reaping and sowing, we understand that we will reap what we sow. Likewise, if we rebel against authority and/or use the power of God illegally, we will suffer the consequences. *"Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves"* (Romans 13:2). The Word "judgment" is synonymous with curse. In other words, resisting the authority of God and his delegated authorities will open the door to curses. If we remember, being cursed means to be "empowered to fail." This explains the condition of many believers today, instead of prospering in all things, we see them the same and/or worse. In a state of rebellion against the pastor, the spouse, or the boss they find themselves cursed and without access to the favor of God. If we rebel against the authority, God will not bless us.

When you resist or oppose the authority placed by God, you oppose God.

Resisting the apostle, pastor, evangelist, teacher, or prophet placed by God is to resist God. Resisting the husband in the home is to resist God; and the same happens when the children resist their parents. The moment we resist the authority placed by God a curse is activated. Why do people have a hard time submitting to authority? 1) Sometimes it is because people lose

sight of what the person carries of God; 2) people become familiarized with the person because they know the person's faults; 3) they do not understand that the head is always chosen and identified by God; 4) people have been hurt by someone in authority, by the abuse of authority, or by bad experiences. When you see a person in importance as equal or the same as you or you focus on the other person's weaknesses, it becomes difficult to submit and receive something from the person's mantle of authority, anointing, and power given by God.

OPERATING THE POWER WHILE IN REBELLION AGAINST AUTHORITY IS WITCHCRAFT

"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them: I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" (Matthew 7:22-23). Most of these people can prophesy and do miracles. The word "Lord" means "master and owner" but Jesus said He did not know them. To "know" means to "have intimacy." These people used the power without revelation because without being subject to authority or having a genuine relationship with the source of power, all supernatural revelation is illegal. Consequently, we will be rejected by Jesus. The miracles come from having a relationship with God and from being submissive to the Lordship of Christ. So make sure to operate the power of God in relationship to Him and under His lordship.

We often see leaders or pastors of churches in wretchedness, their congregations not blessed and in disorder, and sin where no one prospers and appear to live cursed rather than in blessing. When we look into the motives, we find leaders that do not have a relationship with God, in sin, lies, and rebellion against authority. We know then why the enemy has been able to destroy what a prosperous church in God could be. If this is the case, we need to repent of our rebellion against authority, renew our relationship with God, and place divine order in every area.

Not long ago, I traveled to the Holy Land with a group of spiritual sons and daughters, from different daughter churches from various countries. When we arrived at the site of the tomb of Jesus, I began to teach on the power of the resurrection. The power of God manifested to heal, so I declared miracles and prophesized that the people present would begin to move in the power of the resurrection when they return to their countries. Among the people, there was a woman from Mexico, Patricia Martinez, for whom God did a tremendous of supernatural work. Her testimony is the following: "I travelled to Israel with the Apostle Guillermo Maldonado. When we arrived at the tomb of Jesus, the Apostle said that he felt the Holy Spirit wanted to heal. I went forward because the doctors had detected a tumor in the Brain Sella. I had been told that it could only be removed through surgery but that it was highly risky. In fact, after the surgery, the possibilities of the surgery being successful were low. The apostle prayed and said that we should clinically prove our healing. I seized my healing with faith and returned to my country where I had all the medical exams needed, and now I am able to prove that the tumor has disappeared. It no longer exists! It totally disappeared! I never had a treatment or surgery. It was the power of God that healed me! But that was not all. The apostle also said: 'You will be a blessing to your nation and to the sick.' When I returned to Mexico, I began to move in that delegated authority to operate the supernatural of God. I am a pediatric nurse working in the neonatal unit with premature babies who weigh three to four pounds and have little possibilities to live. Since I returned from Israel, I have been praying for the babies that come to my area, and all have been healed and developed perfectly. Each one have left the hospital completely healed and without consequences. The people could not believe those babies had been born premature. Later, I found out that my director had been hospitalized. I visited her and preached Christ, and she received Him in her heart. I also prayed for her health. She was suffering with apnea (respiratory arrest) which could cause serious cerebral damage due to lack of oxygen. After the prayer, the sickness in her body left her, and she was released from the hospital healed and saved for the glory of Christ!"

How to Appropriate the Power of God

One great problem in the Church of Christ is that the people do not know how to appropriate the supernatural power. Sometimes they have the theory but not the practice. They do not know how to implement the power or operate it to provide for the needs of the people. There are ways to appropriate the divine power which we need to know to bring the supernatural power of God to this generation and establish His Kingdom on earth. For the most part, within the church, people are always looking for a physical touch to believe that God did something. But the laying of hands is not the only method God uses to release His power. There are different ways to appropriate the power. Let us see a few of them:

1. The relationship, fellowship, and intimate communion with God

Our personal relationship with the Lord is where we operate, walk, and live on this earth. All that we are and do depends upon that relationship. Everything in God begins or is the result of this relationship which is present, personal, and continuous. There we know the Father, receive the power of His Spirit, and learn to live or practice His principles. Hence Christianity is not based on rules, norms, and human traditions but on a relationship with Jesus Christ. Christianity is not a religion. It is a living relationship with a living God.

The word “power” comes from the Greek word *dunamis* which means “ability or capacity for virtue in a relationship.” It also means “power to operate miracles that comes from a revelation.” This is why Jesus Christ announced to His disciples: “*You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all*

Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). This announcement was not meant for the multitudes or for the religious of the temple but for those who had a relationship with Him; those who followed, loved, and obeyed Him. Our relationship with Him is established in obedience, the fear of God, love, communication, and daily prayer established on the basis of a covenant of commitment.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). Christ came to teach a relational theology, not an organizational one, because the Kingdom of God is structured on personal relationships between the Father and His children. The Kingdom is not about an organization or a hierarchy of impersonal, mechanical functions; there the supreme law is to have a personal relationship with the almighty God—our heavenly Father.

The relationship, fellowship, and communion with God:

Produce the entrance or inflow of power

Generate power

The power of God is our inheritance but it is only legal by our relationship of friendship and communion with Him.

In our continuous relationship with God, there will be an entrance or flow of power towards our interior that will later generate the power to do everything God has called us to do. I live and experience this truth every day, each time I am in prayer, worship, and intimate relationship with Him. I feel that my spiritual deposits are filled with power that enter because of my relationship with a Father that is full of creative power. In other words, God makes a deposit of power in my spirit which in turn generates in me a power to preach, teach, heal the sick, cast out demons, and more. *“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us”* (Ephesians 3:20). I was called to bring His supernatural power to this generation and can feel when this power that He deposits daily in me flows outwards and is transmitted to the people in need of healing, deliverance, revelation, and more. This is then a way to appropriate this supernatural power.

God gives relationship before He gives power because the power originates from a relationship that is based on a covenant of commitment.

Power without intimacy produces little pleasure ending in the flesh. People seek power. They want power but not a relationship with God. The power that operates in you is according to the relationship you have with God. Power without a relationship is a sect. He will make deposits of power in your spirit to carry out His will on earth.

2. Fasting and prayer

Jesus Christ lived a life where this practice was the norm; hence He knew that casting out a certain genre of demons demanded fasting and prayer. This is why He said: *“this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting”* (Matthew 17:21). I can speak of my own experience because this is my lifestyle. I offer God times of fasting, and prayer is something I do on a daily basis. The power that generates through this is palpable. Each time I end a time of fasting and prayer, and after I preach, teach, or minister the miracles, they come faster and in greater quantity. The healings occur

instantly. Demon-possessed people are set free. A greater weight of supernatural power is released for creative miracles and wonders. It is clear that this happens because during the time I spend in prayer and fasting, God deposits a greater level of power in me. This is the pattern of Christ: He would separate Himself to pray for a time and when He returned, He would do so in the power of God. *“So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them”* (Luke 5:16-17).

Fasting and prayer set us free from the worldly and selfish reality because they make the spiritual realm come alive in us. It can also make the demonic real or more noticeable. Prayer takes us beyond natural laws; this causes us to transcend our natural reality, our problems and circumstances. It could be a marital problem, a negative medical report, unemployment, or financial disaster. All of these are situations that lose power when we fast and pray. It is not that we deny our reality but that we begin to see it from God’s perspective where nothing is impossible; where the solution has already been provided for. This is when we realize that these were only temporal. When we do not pray, we worry because our problems are our only reality, but when we pray it creates deposits of power that lead us to overcome any circumstance to release the power of God to overcome the world. In prayer, we appropriate the work of Christ on the cross and everything that has already been done in our favor. Prayer and fasting are not an option but a mandate, and they should be the mark of a disciple of Christ.

A generations will not rise beyond its life of fasting and prayer.

Fasting and prayer refine our spiritual perception (Matthew 16: 16-18); through these we die to the flesh and begin to see, hear, and clearly perceive in the spiritual realm. This makes it easier to perceive the heart of God because there is less flesh that prevents us from seeing and perceiving the spiritual world. Fasting tells the flesh: “Be quiet. I will no longer hear you. You will not tell me what to do. You are not my lord but my servant.”

The purest man who has ever lived on earth, Jesus, had to fast and pray to see, to perceive, and to hear in His Spirit what was happening in the world from which He had come. However, His Church today does not see the need to pray and fast; hence the reason it lacks power. When was the last time you saw the blind see, the deaf hear, or the lame walk? When was the last time you saw a healing, a miracle or a demon flee? It is time to fast and pray like Christ and the Early Church, so the deposits of God’s power can increase in you and flow outwards when you speak, teach, minister, or share the life of Christ with others.

3. Obedience to God

Here is a vital condition to appropriate the supernatural power of God and operate it correctly. Obedience is the voluntary submission to the principles of the Kingdom and to God’s demands. It has to do with a voluntary decision to submit to Him; to allow Him to persuade or convince us of His will. Since the fall of man, God has always been behind the will of man because He gave Him freedom of choice to choose, voluntarily, whom he would worship and serve. God has always sought to influence, persuade the will of man so he can join His, voluntarily. Christ surrendered voluntarily in obedience to the Father, “*And being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform*” (Romans 4:21); “*And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross*” (Philippians 2:8).

Obedience is the voluntary submission to authority motivated by faith and love and born in the heart and not the mind.

God does not violate man's freedom to choose. He respects his will and his freedom to choose and to decide. You choose to obey God voluntarily because you understand that in His love, He has the best for you. Some people have a harder time obeying than others. This disobedience stops the flow of God in their lives. Being disobedient means to be unpersuadable—not convinced on the will of God. Disobedience refuses to believe the will of God for us. It is stubbornness and rebellion of the fallen man that wants to do all things his (her) way and is unwilling to surrender.

If there is an area in which you are fighting with God and have not surrendered your will to obey, this is the moment to face your rebelliousness and choose the will of God above your own. This is the only way to see His power flow through your humanity and fulfill His purpose here on earth. Disobedience will always lead to destruction while obedience will produce blessings from God. Stop fighting with God and obey! Make a voluntary decision right now.

In the spiritual realm, you surrender your will to appropriate the power of God.

4. Dying to “self” or denying self

The power of God does not flow through us unless we die to self each day. *“That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death”* (Philippians 3:10). Everything in God requires continual death of self—the flesh or old man—for His power to feed the life of man through his relationship with Him. Death to self should be progressive and continuous because when we stop dying to “self” the flesh grows again—self recovers and again takes the center of our lives. *“Then He said to them all, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it’”* (Luke 9:23-24).

The level of power we experience will be according to the level of death we die daily, and the power deposited in our spirit will depend on that.

Here the Law of Exchange is also in effect; therefore, God gives us more power when we surrender more of “self.” No one can take the people or any apostle, prophet, pastor, evangelist, teacher, minister, leader, or mentor to enter the realm of power without dying to self. To be carriers of Christ and of His power, the “old man” must be dead and continue dying every day. When we die to self, it gets easier to access the power of God because that power has to do with the resurrection of Christ. A man cannot resurrect and live in Christ beyond his ability to die and surrender to God.

When there is a voluntary death to “self,” the power of God will be guaranteed; that is, God cannot deny you His power.

A man who has surrendered in obedience, submission, and sacrifice, and who has given or surrendered his place to God is a delight to the Father. “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service”

(Romans 12:1). The word “sacrifice” means to get close to God through death of “self.” In other words, presenting the body as a living sacrifice brings us closer to the Father and fills us of His power. The areas you are still struggling with are those you have yet to surrender to God where “self” has not died. This is why the Apostle John said: “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30).

The supernatural power of God requires a voluntary death to self which consists in emptying one’s self and being filled with more of God.

Are you ready to die in any area of your life? Each one of you knows what areas you have to surrender to God. If you want to appropriate His power, it is imperative to make the decision to die to everything that goes against His will. Do it right now! And this will be the place where God will

empower you with His supernatural power. Let go of everything that stops your blessing. This is the time to die to thoughts, desires, personal will, things that are not of God, relationships that stop us from reaching our purpose in order to surrender completely to His will.

I give testimony daily of what God can do through a life that is surrendered to Him and is willing to appropriate His power to manifest His presence on this earth and change lives. In the beginning of this year, I had a conference in Venezuela where from the onset, I felt the demand of the people for the supernatural power of God; even with the bad economic situation of the country, the people still sacrificed a lot to get to the conference from many cities. The demand of the people was so great that the manifestation of the power and the presence of God was instantaneous and impacting. It was tremendous to see the love of God being poured out on His people and His hand healing and setting free those seventy thousand people in a matter of seconds—it was truly supernatural. When it came time to hear the testimonies, there were so many that we could not keep up, but from those that I was able to hear, the following impressed me the most: a woman, Solaida, had suffered a stroke and half of her brain had died. This caused her to be paralyzed in half of her body. She could not move her left side. The instant I released the Word and the power of God to heal, she felt a freshness in her brain and the desire to walk. Instantly she let go of the cane that helped her to walk and went running up to the altar to testify that Christ had healed her! Another impressive testimony was shared by Nataly, a child that suffered the effects of cerebral paralysis since birth and a hip that was deviated four centimeters. She was deaf in her right ear and was crossed-eyed. After the prayer, her mother noticed that her eyes were straight and that she could hear perfectly. Furthermore, the child began to walk normally because her hip had been corrected.

Nataly received three miracles in only seconds! Later a man named Joshua went forward and testified saying that he had been born deaf in the right ear because the organs in his inner ear had not developed. When I released the supernatural power of God, he was able to hear instantly because God created in him the organs in his inner ear that were missing.

One of the testimonies that touched my heart the most was the one shared by Luigi Alejandro Rodriguez. This nine-year-old boy had a brain tumor. Not long ago he had had surgery, but the surgery had been unsuccessful. The doctors had to place a valve to drain the liquid that kept accumulating in the brain. He was also having chemotherapy and radiation which were causing him a lot of bone and joint pain. His parents had seen me preach on television and full of faith they took their son to the crusade. They had to carry him in because Luigi could not walk or move. The pain was too intense and unbearable for his small body to endure. When I declared the supernatural power of God to heal, the Holy Spirit touched him, and the boy felt a strong chill throughout his body. Instantly, the pain left his body, completely, and the tumor disappeared. Now Luigi can enjoy the normal life of a nine-year-old. He can laugh, walk, run, and move without problems. We can do all of these and more if we learn to appropriate His supernatural power to supply the needs and the “impossible” of the people!

The Exercise of Power and Authority in Daily Living

THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE FLOW OF THE POWER OF GOD

Since the beginning, it has always been the will of God to demonstrate His power and His people with the participation of man. Now let us see that flow from the beginning, how it comes to us, and how we manifest it in our daily lives.

1. God as God in the beginning of creation

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). In the beginning, God made a demonstration of His power by creating the Heavens and the earth without man’s participation. Everything was original of God. In other words, it all came from Him because He has the power to create, and all created things remained connected to His name, I AM, which means “more than enough,” “the one who exists in and of Himself, not depending on anything or anyone to exist.” God has always been more than sufficient. Otherwise, He would not be God. In the beginning, God demonstrated the power of His sovereignty, for Himself, because man had not yet been created.

God’s original state was of a Spirit.

2. God as Man in Christ Jesus

When Christ came to earth, He did it as a Man. He was one hundred percent God and one hundred percent Man. This is how He represented the

Father on earth and how He released the flow of His supernatural power. *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth”* (John 1:14).

When Jesus came to earth He did it as a human, even though He was God. The people saw Him as a man and a carpenter. They would say: Why does this man claim to have been before Abraham but is only thirty years old? What they did not know was that before He came to earth, He was the “I AM.” It was difficult for the people to understand why eternity left heaven and made Himself flesh—a mystery the human mind cannot fathom. Christ was a Spirit before coming in the flesh. That is why He existed before Abraham. And the Father was in Him as a man, and His power flowed through His life and His humanity so it could flow through us today.

3. God in man as one of us

This is how the supernatural power of God came to the human race. But the people today have a problem when they see the flaws or errors and imperfections in a Christian—even more if the Christian is a church leader—they do not understand that God can flow through an imperfect human being. If this person has committed mistakes or his past is sinful and full of wrongdoings and doubt, he might wonder how God can use him with such flaws. People do not understand how an individual who insulted his mother could later be used by a holy God. When the people see these inconsistencies, they doubt God. It is easier to believe in Him without man’s intervention. No one intervenes in the glory; hence it becomes easier to believe.

The problem now is accepting that God works through us, as us. People do not have a problem with the fact that Christ came as a man, was born of a virgin, did miracles two thousand years back, died and resurrected from the dead. The problem we have now is to believe that God is in us and that He operates through us, as us. The Bible affirms it this way: *“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us”* (Ephesians 3:20).

When you have the revelation that you are a carrier of the power of God on earth and are able to understand that God was in the Burning Bush, in the pillar of fire, in the column of smoke in the desert, and in you today, then His power flows. Just as God was in the body of a man called Jesus, now God is in you, and His power flows through your life. When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, you have the same power that Christ had to operate. The devil has another problem because it is no longer God as God dealing with him but God as us dealing with him. This does not mean that we are gods but merely vessels through which He can flow and bring His will on earth.

Can God be the same through a man? Can the weaknesses of men block His power and ability to work? Can He still be God when He operates through others? When He comes to us or through us, is He less? He wants to be as powerful in us as He is in Himself. Any believer can be used to demonstrate God's power. If we follow what He wants and have a relationship and fellowship with Him, daily, if we fast and pray continuously and die to the carnal self, His power will flow in and through us.

This chapter has the intention of challenging the believer who has been set free of Satan's bondage and oppressions to go and set free other people with the power of God and under Christ's delegated authority. For this to happen, I want to empower you with this authority which you can exercise and practice in your daily life. Many of God's ministers have no idea how to function in this authority outside of the realm of the church, of a service, or of a special atmosphere. In other words, they only exercise the authority and manifest the power of God when His presence is tangible, when they are in church, when the choir is singing and everyone is submerged in the glorious presence of the Lord. When they go someplace else, it is difficult for them to feel that anointing and they cease to act. Their faith decreases because they do not feel the same inspiration as when they are in the church. We cannot always be in the same aforementioned conditions, and the need will present itself permanently outside the realm of the church and the services. Therefore, we should exercise that authority over demons, sickness, and poverty through faith, based on who we are in the Kingdom and even in realms of complete darkness or doubt.

Many believers wonder what happens when we go to places where there is no atmosphere of the presence of the Lord, where there are no expectations, or where the pastor or the minister of God are not. What happens when you go to a restaurant, public bathroom, airplane, parking lot, or marketplace? What do you do? You should operate in the revelation of who Christ is in you and who you are in Him. While you go through life, you might not feel the tangible anointing at all times, so if you only move by that, you will lose the opportunity to minister the people.

When you go to work or to school, with the conviction of who you are in God and in submission to your authorities, His authority will operate as delegated authority. You will go as an ambassador of the Kingdom. This is a conviction that you have within, knowing that God has given you an assignment to carry out. You are a carrier of His glory, power, and authority at all times and everywhere you go. You are a legal agent of God on earth wherever you set foot. In this authority, you say: "I am here because I am a

child of God with a divine mandate and a Kingdom assignment. I will act by faith and in the authority that was given to me.” And because of this action and declaration, God will move and back you up with His power and anointing.

Every born-again Christian, child of God and subject to authority, can exercise authority wherever he or she goes, just as Jesus did. In our ministry, testimonies on this subject are commonplace. Here you will find only a few of many miracles done by my spiritual children in their daily comings and goings, as they work, study, shop, do business, and more. Frank Nunez, a football player, had an accident that left him in a coma, in a hospital in West Palm Beach, Florida. The doctors left him for dead saying he would not wake up from the coma, but if he did, they were planning to perform several surgeries without the expectancy of a full recovery. A mentor of the church went to pray for him. This mentor took authority and made a decree breaking the spirit of death; then the mentor declared the word of life and activated the supernatural power in the midst of an environment of complete doubt. Three days later, Francisco woke up hungry from the coma asking for food. In less than a month his health was miraculously restored without surgeries or consequences. He is playing football again after the doctors said he would never play any sports ever again. Glory to God!

Not long ago, the niece of a leader in our ministry had open heart surgery in Spain. The little girl was only eight years old, but her arteries were weak and obstructed; she could not walk, run, or get agitated. Her skin color was always purplish due to the lack of oxygen. During surgery, things got complicated, and she slipped into a coma. The family of this leader, desperate and distraught, called him because the little girl had been in a coma eight day, and the doctors had said that only a miracle could save her. While he prayed, the leader took authority and declared that his niece would wake up from the coma that same night. He told his sister: “Receive the miracle from God because she returns to life today!” The next day they called again, in shock, because Andrea had woken up six hours after the prayer, and... the doctors were astonished because every test revealed that her arteries and heart were as new, and her circulation was perfect. Now her

skin has the healthy glow of an eight-year-old girl, as if she had never been on the edge of death. God healed her with a midnight prayer, thousands of miles away, done with the authority that a son who is subject to authority can release!

If people whom you have just read about can do these things, in the name of Jesus and in His delegated authority, you can too!

FINAL CHALLENGE

The spirit of antichrist has come to this age stronger than ever to stop the advance of the Kingdom of God because it knows it has little time left. But Christians must establish themselves in the power and the authority that comes from God, subject themselves to the chain of command established by Him, to take and exercise the authority lost by Adam and recovered by Christ, to destroy the works of the devil. Christ saved us, so we could go and save others by the power of His work on the cross. He healed us, so we could heal others. He set us free, so we could go and set others free. It is time for the Church to rise, full of power, and exercise its legal authority to place Satan under its feet, and raise an army of radical Christians, rooted in their identity as sons and daughters of God and who live under submission and obedience to God and His delegated authorities. It is time for Christians to rise against the works of the devil!

It is time to go to the streets, to rise in the home, at school, and at work with “raw authority” and release the supernatural power of God to save, heal, and set free. God set us free, so we could go and set free all those who are oppressed by the devil. He set us free to take authority over him, destroy his works, and release the power of God over the earth. Take the authority that God has given you, and release His power everywhere!

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