

Exercising Authority for Healing

Miracles

- Miracles are means for an end; not an end to means
 - What is the end: Doing the will of God; Glorifying God
 - What are the means: Various prayers, services, methods... basically how we minister.
- So, focus must be on the end.
 - If so, focus on the person and take care of their needs
 - Love, compassion, prayer...
 - If so, focus on what the Holy Spirit is doing and showing you
 - Walking with God
 - It is about relationship with God and with people
 - If so, demonstrating the Word of God and His message; 1 Cor. 2:4

Under Authority

- Matthew 8:5-13: The faith of the Centurion
 - He focused on "A man under authority"
 - Jesus' reply: Astonishment at the centurion's faith
 - Therefore, being under authority is an expression of faith
 - Therefore, understanding the flow of authority is understanding the flow of faith
- Where our authority flows from
 - Great Commission: Matthew 28:18-20
 - Authority to Heal: Matthew 10:1; Matthew 10:8
- The scope of authority
 - When we are under authority, we have authority – Matthew 8:9
 - Even Jesus was under authority of the Father – John 5:19
 - So, we are under authority of the Holy Spirit (Father/Son/Holy Spirit) – John 16:13-15
 - So, we are under authority of the local church – example: Agabus was from Jerusalem...
 - So, we are under authority of the smaller sphere, such as family, fellowship groups, workplaces, as well – Luke 2:51-52, even Jesus was subject to his family

Exercising Authority

- Based on our faith in God
 - Knowing and Believing the Word – Knowing the truth
 - Understanding who He is
 - Understanding what He has done
 - Understanding what He is doing
 - Understanding who you are
 - Understanding what you have received
 - Understanding how much we are allowed to exercise our authority
 - Our faith reflects and expressed through our comfort in exercising our authority
- Based on our relationship with God
 - As a wife, a son, a servant
 - As you can see, the relationship is based on the relationship of love with God
- Based on our relationship with our local church
 - Released to minister
 - Ministering within the boundaries of the local church

Prayer of Authority

- With everything you are and everything you believe and know, and with the full expectation of compliance, making simple declarations/prayers.
- For example: Jesus healed with a word; Matthew 8:16, because Matthew 8:17