



Using Authority

Mark 6:30-44

Besides being responsible to resist the enemy with the authority that God has given us—we are responsible to use that same authority to bless others.

A. Ministering: We see at least two aspects of ministry in this passage! 1) Teaching/sharing the Word and 2) Providing for physical needs.

B. Two views of life!

1. :35-37 Glass is half empty

The view of...

- ...limited resources
- ...inaccurate assessment
- ...disassociated responsibility
- ...powerlessness
- ...unbelief

Since I can't meet the needs I absolve myself of the responsibility!!!

2. :37-40 Glass is half full

The view of...

- ...unlimited resources
- ...seeing God's perspective
- ...taking responsibility
- ...using power-authority
- ...faith-belief

C. What Jesus said!

1. "You give them something to eat." :37 —Jesus was teaching them compassion and responsibility.

He made them responsible to meet a need that was beyond their ability.

What need is God calling you to meet that is BEYOND your ability and resource?

2. "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." :38 —From the disciples limited resource to God's unlimited provision.

D. What Jesus did! :41

1. He looked to heaven. God has 'authority' over all things. He is the source of all things.

2. He gave the disciples the job of passing out the *now-blessed* 'limited' provision which fed everyone from an unlimited source.

By faith God can expand every resource we lack!

Introduction: Jesus sends His disciples out with 'authority'

Luk 9:1 Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. **Luk 9:2** And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

If the disciples were sent out with this kind of 'power-authority' you would think they could manage to feed 5000 people—RIGHT?

God gave Adam & Eve authority over the whole earth! Satan stole the authority and now Jesus has restored it to us—but even more than Adam and Eve.

Authority: My personal non-theological working definition!
"Taking ownership and responsibility for what God has given me. Jesus modeled this throughout His ministry.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Mat 18:19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

We now have both heaven and earth authority—because of Yeshuah!

So what's the problem? We fail to take ownership for the problem/need and what God has given us (me).

Go with near empty basket (our limited resources) God fills the basket on the way—or in the giving out of the provision—that is His miracle provision or unlimited resource.

Rom 8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded (*convinced*) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, **Rom 8:39** nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love (all that God is and has provided for us) of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.