

## He Speaks With Authority

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### Luk 4:31-32 KJV

And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and **taught them** on the sabbath days. (32)  
And **they were astonished** at his doctrine: **for his word was with power.** [*exousia*]

### When God came to earth He TAUGHT & they were astonished

- 'They will all be taught by God.' (John 6:45)
- Jesus Taught
- The Holy Spirit is sent to teach (John 14:26)
- Mar\_6:34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and ***he began to teach them many things.***

### **Many references to Jesus' teaching in the New Testament - here are a few**

- teaching in their synagogues (Mat 4:23), cities (Mat 11:1), by the sea (Mar 4:1)
- Luk\_11:1 **Others recognized it...**Lord, teach us to pray
- Joh\_3:2 **Pharisees recognized it** Rabbi, we know you are a teacher come from God
- Mat\_26:55 **Jesus spoke about himself...**I sat daily with you teaching in the temple

### His teaching not as the scribes...crowds were amazed

- Mat 7:28-29 NIV When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 because **he taught as one who had authority**, and ***not as their teachers of the law.***

### May the LORD restore to us the WONDER & ASTONISHMENT of His Word

Psalms 119:18 KJV Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

### The Cry of a Teachable Heart in the Last Days

#### **There will be a cry in the last days - people wanting to be taught = "discipleship"**

- Isa 2:2-3 NIV In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. 3 Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. ***He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.***" The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

## 5 Marks of the Teachable Heart

Psalms 25:4-14 NIV Show me your ways, LORD, **teach me** your paths. (5) Guide me in your **truth** and **teach me**, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. (6) Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. (7) Do not remember the **sins** of my youth and my **rebellious ways**; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. (8) Good and upright is the LORD; therefore **he instructs** sinners in his ways. (9) **He guides** the humble in what is right and **teaches them his way**. (10) All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant. (11) For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. (12) Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He **will instruct** them in the ways they should choose. (13) They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land. (14) The **LORD confides** in those who fear him; he **makes his covenant known** to them.

- 1) **Acknowledge that God has a way and a path - *seeks*** to know his ways
- 2) **Acknowledge He is the source of truth - *seeks*** to be taught and to live by the truth
- 3) **Easily repentant** - He instructs sinners - do not remember my sin or rebellion
- 4) **Humility** - He guides the HUMBLE in the way that is right - teaches them HIS way
- 5) **The Fear of the Lord** - he instructs them, confides in them, and makes his covenant known

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## They Were ASTONISHED BECAUSE His word was with Power [Exousia]

### Luk 4:32

And they were astonished at his doctrine: **for his word was with power**. (Exousia)

#### **He has authority over evil spirits (vs 36)**

- Luk 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

#### **He has authority over sickness (vs 39)**

- Luke 4:39 KJV And he stood over her, and ***rebuked the fever; and it left her:*** and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

#### **He has authority over the natural elements (wind and sea obey him)**

- Luk 8:25 KJV And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for ***he commandeth*** even the winds and water, and ***they obey him***.

#### **He has authority to forgive sins**

- Mat 9:5-6 KJV For ***whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?*** 6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

## Authority to deal with the spirit of an unclean devil

**Luk 4:33-36** (33) And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, (34) Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God. (35) And **Jesus rebuked him, saying**, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not. 36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with **authority [exousia]** and **power [dunamis]** he **commandeth** the unclean spirits, and they come out.

- (Mar 1:27 - with authority **he commands** even the unclean spirits and ***they do obey him.***)

## The unclean spirit

The unclean spirit - unclean means (impure, lewd, foul)

How they affect human beings can be varied

- **Threw the boy down and tare him** (Luk 9:42 KJV)
- **Dumb - could not speak** (Luk 11:14 KJV)
- **Man out of his mind with supernatural strength** (Mar 5:2 KJV)
- **Dumb, falls to the ground, foams at the mouth, gnashes teeth and becomes rigid** (Mar 9:17-18 NIV)
- **Deaf and Dumb** (Mar 9:25 KJV)
- **Broke chains - lived in the wilderness** (Luk 8:29 KJV)

What are His Devices? - 2Co 2:11 KJV ... for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Recognizing what he CAN'T DO is just as important as knowing what he CAN do so we don't chase deception and distraction.

### **For unforgiveness he can get an advantage**

- 2Co 2:10-11 KJV To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; 11 ***Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:*** for we are not ignorant of his devices.

### **For anger - he can gain a foothold**

- Eph 4:26-27 NIV "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and ***do not give the devil a foothold.***

### **Pride can hinder our resistance**

- Jas 4:6-7 NIV But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

### **Pride and anxiety makes us vulnerable to his lion-like prowling**

- 1Pe 5:6-8 NIV Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 **Cast all your anxiety on him** because he cares for you. 8 Be alert and of sober mind. ***Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.***

## Demon Possession of a Christian

**You are inhabited by the Holy Spirit...**you are the temple of the Holy Spirit in that sense...no demon will take up residence where the Holy Spirit resides. **Christians cannot be possessed by a demon.**

- 1Co 6:19 NIV Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

## Generational Curses

**There is an effect that people have on one another** - so that a child who grows up in a home where there is alcoholism or drug addiction may have a bent toward that as he grows up - this is different than a "generational curse" - this is more like influence or learned behavior.

- Pro 13:20 KJV He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.
- 1Co 15:33 NIV Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

## **Christ has redeemed us from the curse**

- Gal 3:13 NIV Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."

## **Generational Curse?**

Exo 20:5-6 KJV Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

- Notice that the iniquity is visited on the 3rd and 4th generation of those who **HATE** God
- But mercy to those who **Love** God and keep his commandments
- The visiting of the iniquity is the LORD's doing - if we think this scriptures is describing a generational curse, why would we think that praying would break it...?

Jeremiah 31:29-32 (NIV) In *those days* people will no longer say, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' Instead, everyone will die for his own sin; whoever eats sour grapes--his own teeth will be set on edge. "The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers..."

## Much of what is described as a demon or generational curse is simply a sinful life

- Eph 4:22-32 NIV You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, ***to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;*** 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 ***and to put on the new self,*** created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. 25 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. 26 "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold. 28 Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. 29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- Gal 5:19-21 NIV ***The acts of the flesh are obvious:*** sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

## Luk 4:37-41 KJV

### He Spoke To or Rebuked the Fever

And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about. 38 And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. 39 And he stood over her, **and rebuked the fever;** and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them. 40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. 41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.

## Luk 4:42-44

### Jesus was under authority to His Father

**42 And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them.** 43 **And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent.** 44 And he preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

- Jesus was also walking in the authority of His Father
- I only do what He tells me, and say what He wants me to say

# DISCUSSIONS

## **FIRST**

Share a story about either: **a)** a time when you DID exercise a teachable spirit or **b)** a time when you DID NOT exercise a teachable spirit and share something you learned as a result of this experience.

## **SECOND**

In general what do you think are some things that lead a person to have an unteachable spirit?

## **THIRD**

We learned about 5 marks of a teachable spirit from Psalms 25:4-14.

Tell which of these would benefit you most if you could apply one to your life starting this week.

- **To live with the sense that God has a purpose for my life** and I SEEK to know his ways and His path.
- **To yield my life in greater measure to the truth revealed to me from the Scripture**
- **To walk with greater sense of repentance** - being grateful the Lord instructs sinners
- **To embrace humility vs pride**
- **To walk in the Fear of the LORD** - he instructs them, confides in them, and makes his covenant known (Ps 25:12-14)