



## Kingdom Authority: Personal Authority (Week 3)

Welcome back to our Kingdom Authority Series. And this will be our focus for our entire year to help you take charge of all areas of your life. How? By having you first CHOOSE to make God large and in charge of each area of life, we're calling them spheres, so that you can experience life where everything is good inside. How many of you wanna live in 2022, where everything is good inside your life and in all areas of your life? Yes, so do I. And we'll have to learn to do so, in the midst of this crazy pandemic that has changed so much of life for us. Even more so, we need to experience God's peace, protection, and provision to make our life whole in 2022.

If you caught it, Pastor Mark's last week message was an overview of our plan to do this. For those who were here, let's see if you remember:

We wanna Give God Control, Own our Role, and then Make our Life Whole. Again, we are going to Give God Control, Own My Role, and Make Life Whole. We as pastors pray that these will be our outcomes in 2022, or at least grow more in these to show how awesome Jesus is to our World.

I figure fo da local kine guys wit us: I go give you anodda way fo remember dis: For, Give God Control: You, "Make God Large and in Charge", fo Own My Role: Then You, "Take Charge", Make Life Whole: fo "Come Real Good Inside"

I know it all doesn't rhyme like the English one, but for da locals, us goin Make God Large and in Charge, fo us, Take Charge, fo us Come Real Good Inside. You guys ready for do dis in 2022? If so, say, Dass right!

We learned about Authority in past messages, and the importance, benefits, and blessings of living under Good Authority. And who's our ultimate authority, it's Jesus. It's our Loving, Almighty, all Empowering Heavenly Father. And as we learned last week, we have the CHOICE in 2022 to live under his authority, the choice to make him large and in charge and to take extreme ownership of, to radically, Own our Role, in our IDENTITY as Sons and Daughters, of our Father God, Co-heirs, Prince and Princesses with King Jesus.

And today, I get to share about our Personal Authority we have when we make God Large and in Charge. This message is an overview for our next series on Personal Authority, TAKING EXTREME Ownership of our personal sphere as we look at biblical examples of those who were forced to live in hostile, challenging circumstances, testing them to live in their kingdom authority. We'll look at Daniel, and others who lived in exile outside their kingdom of God and learn from them.



Let me start off with this reality. When we decide to Take Charge, owning our role, it won't come without challenges and setbacks! Why? Because, the ruler and influencer of this world we live in now, this side of heaven, is not Jesus, it is the Devil/Satan. And you may say what? Really? Yeah! And he wants to mess with you NOT to live out your authority as King's Kids and have you give up the authority you have over your personal lives.

We learned in the beginning in Genesis, Da Start, how the devil stole the authority of Adam and Eve by deceiving them out of obedience. Well, that still happens even today. But there is good news as we'll learn!

The question is how much authority does Satan have over our lives? Well, if you know Jesus, then this is our assurance. John tells this,

*"But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world,"*  
(1 John 4:4 NLT).

Repeat this, Greater is He in me, than the Devil in the world!

Tell the person next to you, Greater is He in YOU, than the devil in the world. Tell the other person, Greater is He in Me, than the devil in this world! Never forget this! We have great power in us, as a great theologian says, with great power, comes great responsibility. We know that comes from Uncle Ben of Spiderman, but there is truth in this. With the great power within us, comes a responsibility to own our role/taking control of the authority over our personal lives. The devil knows he's defeated and doesn't have ultimate control, but he wants those who belong to God, to live defeated lives, less than whole lives, where everything is good inside.

I'd like you to watch this scene of the devil trying to mess with Jesus' Authority in da Luke story bout Jesus (Check this out), paying attention to how the Devil tries to do so.

Just like Jesus, many of us are fasting and praying to make space for God to speak. And that's good, but at the same time, in our weakest moments will be attacked. Notice, the devil knows God's Word. But he'll twist the truth. The devil is a sniper, and he's gonna target your head, he's a head hunter, he's gonna mess with you mind. That's why we gotta know the truth! He's gonna mess with, Now HEAR THIS: With Who You Are! He's gonna mess with your IDENTITY! Have you forget who you fo real kine, that you are a King's kid. (Tell the person next to you, "You Da King's Kid, I'm a King's Kid!" No forget that. Peter reminds of this in his letter,

*"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light,"*  
(1 Peter 2:9 NIV).



As you saw, the Devil messes with Jesus' IDENTITY, "So wat, you God boy fo real kine" He'll say to us, "So wat, you God's Kid fo real kine? You one Christian fo real kine? He's gonna dangle things that look good, feel good, and may seem good for the here and now, for you to settle for something lesser, to give up your Kingdom authority, make you forget who's large and in charge. So that you no take charge. The Devil was surely there messing with Adam and Eve, and even with Jesus, and he'll continue to do so today in our lives! His tactics are the same. "Maybe not audibly. . . like this, but he'll mess with your mind. That's why, we gotta heed Peter's warning,

*"Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith,"*  
(1 Peter 5:8 - 9 NLT).

Da Good an Spesho Book tell um dis way,  
*"Use yoa head fo know wat fo do erytime! Watch out! Da Devil stay agains you. Dass why he stay go all ova da place jalike one wild lion, looking fo somebody fo him eat up. No sked stan up agains da Devil an stay solid da way you trus God,"* (DGASB).

Did you catch in the video how Jesus responded to those lies from the devil? He quoted scripture! Obviously, He's the Living Word, but he used the word. The devil is gonna mess with who you, your identity. He's gonna make you doubt who are you? DEVIL: You sure you God kid fo real kine? Who you tink you, one King's kid? And you'll need to know what John says about us,

*"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,"* (John 1:12 NIV).

Just say, "I've received Jesus, I've believed in His Name, I'm a child of God"  
He'll mess with you to question if God's a good Father! He'll tell, "Eh, no lissen God, you tink He know wat you need? Look you, you poor ting, you. Do it your way. You deserve it! He no goin take care you fo real kine. Get wat you want now.

In those moments, you gotta say,  
No God's got me, Philippians 4:19 says this "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." I no goin lissen you!

Romans 8:32 says this. . . He who did not spare his own son. . .

The devil will mess with your identity for sure. He'll say, Who you tink you? You neva change fo real kine. Just cuz you go church now!

No! I've changed fo shua! Galatians 2:20 says, I've been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live. . .



But the Devil he's relentless, he'll hit you low, he'll tell: You tink God can forgive for the real bad thing you wen do?

1 John 1:9 promises me this, "If I confess my sins, He is faithful and just to forgive me of my sins and purify me from all unrighteousness!"

Psalms 119:9-11 says this. . . How can a young person remain pure. . .

DEVIL: Oh, you know da truth, I go look fo somebody else fo mess up. But I goin try mess you up bumbye.

REMEMBER: Greater is He that is in me that you are in this world. So get behind me Satan! Dass why we gotta know the truth. And where's the truth? In his word. Gang, let's be students of God's truth in 2022. You can only grow so much listening to a 30 minute sermon every week. Let us know and we'll our best to help you get connected to another point of discipleship beyond the weekend services, in an OG, bible study, have a T.A. and even get two classes on the bible, one by P Mark and the other one, mines, Journaling, Daily devotions being mentored by the Master, come on, let's take extreme ownership this year of our authority we've been graciously granted by Jesus. We gotta know the truth in his word.

Let me ask you a question, how many of you are serious about taking extreme ownership of your authority in 2022, raise your hands? I've said this before and I'll say it again. If you like become one good surfer, can you just watch surfing videos? How about becoming a good cook, just read good recipes? No, hang around with some good cooks, learn, and you gotta cook. So how can we get good at Giving God Control/Putting him in Charge, taking extreme ownership of our personal authority? LISTEN UP, You gotta hang around others that are serious about taking extreme ownership and learn from them. I challenge you in 2022 own your role and fo make your life whole, ask the one Large and in Charge fo give you da strength to guide you to next steps! No be slow fo grow, so Start now and start small! Trust me! Better yet, Trust God.

So until Jesus comes back or we see Jesus on the other side of this life, it will be like living in a foreign country. It will be hard! Why, because this world is not our home.

*"For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come,"  
(Hebrews 13:14 NLT).*

*Peter says it like this, "Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul," (1 Peter 2:11 NIV).*



Many of you know that I lived in a foreign country for three years in my mid twenties, give or take some 10 years ago. I lived in Shizuoka Japan. Now, ethnically, I'm 4th generation Japanese. I went there as an Ambassador of Christ, and Agent of Aloha, a Christian missionary, cleverly disguised as an English teacher. This is what Paul says in his second letter to a church in Corinth, present day Greece. He says this to them,

*"So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" (2 Corinthians 4:20 NLT)*

The challenge was, I Look like one Japanese, eat like one Japanese, walk like one Japanese, and even smell like one, but I'm not a Japanese, I'm from Hawaii! I couldn't speak much Japanese, sushi, sashimi, don't touch my mousetachi, etc. Yes, my last name is Japanese, but my first name is the most difficult to even pronounce correctly. At that time, I had to carry an Alien Registration Card: gaikokujin tōroku shōmeisho. That marked me as an Alien to Japan. I learned to speak conversational Japanese, learned about the culture and their values, but never forgot why I was there! I was an ambassador of Christ, an Agent of Aloha for Jesus. And let me tell you, it wasn't easy to share the message of Christ. It wasn't like I experienced hostility, persecution for being an Ambassador for Christ, Agent of Aloha, but I got indifference, disinterest. It was like that's your religion, you're American. I'm Japanese. So there was pushback.

And it's just like this for us. If you said yes to Jesus, you became Citizens of God's kingdom. You've become His kid, a King's Kid. And God's kingdom values are very different from this world's values. God's Kingdom is an eternal kingdom. This world's kingdom is temporary, for the here and now. But as Citizens of God's Kingdom, we live for from the here to the not yet, not quite yet. The identification we carry around, is not an alien registration card, but we are marked with his Holy Spirit.

*"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit," (Ephesians 1:13 NIV).*

What shows you that you carry the mark is the fruits of the Spirit coming out of your lives: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.

We look like everyone else, but we are different inside cuz of Jesus and we all have a role. And that's why we can't forget who we are! Who are you? We are Da King's kid, Sons and Daughters of our Father God, and as we just learned Ambassadors for Christ, Agents of Love. We'll learn more about this in our next series: But in review,

It starts with Give God in Control, Own your role, to Make your life whole. Local style: Make God Large and in Charge, fo you Take Charge so eryting Come good inside.



Let's pray!

*"Romans 8:17 And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering," (NLT)*

*"Cuz us guys God kids, dat mean, we goin get all oua share a da good kine stuff God give His kids cuz He oua Faddah. Da Faddah give eryting He get to His Boy Christ. Dass wat da Faddah goin do fo us guys too. But you know wat? Dat mean us guys gotta suffa too jalike Christ wen suffa, so den bumbye, God make us come awesome jalike He wen make Christ come awesome."*

**OG Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss what it means to go make God Large, fo you to Take Charge, den you goin come Real Good Inside.
2. Who are you in God's sight? Go over some of the scripture references introduced in this sermon to review. How does knowing who you are affect how you live, positively or negatively?
3. What can you do differently in 2022 to take extreme ownership in your commitment to God's word?