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WITH GREAT POWER: COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

Aloha everyone, I'm Mark if we haven't met, and I'm so excited you're here today! This week we are transitioning into a short mini-series called, "With Great Power". Over the next few weeks we are going to learn about both the uses and abuses of the Kingdom Authority God has given us. We will be looking at several key characters from scripture and how they either used or misused their authority so that we can learn how best to steward the authority God has given us.

If you've been with us from the start of this year you know that we've been meditating on one key phrase – an overarching theme for the whole year. What is our theme for the year? [Say it with me] Kingdom _____. At the start of 2022, we discerned that God wanted us to grow in our understanding and stewardship of **Kingdom Authority**, and we've spent the better part of this year learning how to walk in greater authority in our lives.

Remember, all authority in heaven and on earth belong to Jesus. He is the **Author** and creator of all things, so in all things we submit to Him and **Give God Control**. When God sees that our hearts are in line with His, He increases our influence and **Authority** and we partner with Him to contend for His Kingdom upon the earth – we call this **Owning our Role**. Through this partnership of bringing heaven to earth, living **Authentically** according to God's design and creating Kingdom Spaces we begin to **Make Life Whole**.

And there were four main spaces, or **spheres of authority**, that God has called us to bring His shalom – His peace to. Do you remember what they were? We talked about the **Individual Sphere, Church Sphere, Family Sphere**, and last week we wrapped up a series on the **Government Sphere**. Each sphere of authority has been given a specific role to bring God's Kingdom to the earth.

So God has taken us on an amazing journey this year! It feels like we've been sitting under a waterfall of revelation – immersing ourselves in His will for our lives and the best is yet to come. Turn to your neighbor and say, "The best is yet to come!"

"With Great Power, Comes Great Responsibility"

So how are we doing? We just spent the better part of a year learning about our Kingdom Authority. We covered all four of the major spheres of authority and lived to tell the tale! We now have a new vision of what it looks like to walk in greater Authority and change the world! But in many ways, our journey begins now. Because, it's not what you say or know about Kingdom Authority, but what you do with it that matters. And there have been so many great testimonies and stories that have come out of this past season of people rising up and owning their role but maybe others of us are still taking it in.

OG Discussion Question: What victories have you experienced in walking in your Kingdom Authority? What challenges do you still face?