



WALKING IN
REDEMPTIVE AUTHORITY

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Intro

Walking in Redemptive Authority invites us to move beyond simply exercising spiritual authority to walking in authority with purpose—restoring what fear forfeited. Rooted in Christ’s mission, redemptive authority brings freedom, healing, and reconciliation. It flows through humility, compassion, and boldness, not control. We are not conquerors for conquest’s sake, but ambassadors of redemption. This teaching equips believers to engage broken places with Heaven’s intent, posturing their hearts to reclaim people and ground for God’s glory through surrendered, restorative authority.

My Intention and Assumptions

I hope that your relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is strengthened through this teaching. My assumption is that you have read or are reading all 66 books of the Bible for context. This is meant to be ‘salt’ and make you thirsty. You're welcome.

About the Author

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Theme:

We are not only called to walk in authority—we are called to walk in **redemptive authority**, authority that restores, reconciles, and reclaims. It's authority that reflects the Father's heart and partners with Heaven's redemptive plan.

I. Where We've Come From: Review with Forward Vision

- **Moving from Avoidance to Advancement** taught us:
 - Don't retreat in fear.
 - Step forward in boldness.
 - Occupy the ground God has given.
- **Kingdom Authority is not just positional; it's purposeful.**

You're not advancing just to win—you're advancing to redeem.

Anchor Statement:

"I don't just walk in authority—I walk in redemptive authority that restores what fear forfeited."

II. What Is Redemptive Authority?

Key Idea: Authority aimed at restoring people and places to God's original intent.

- **Authority that Aligns:** With Christ's mission—Luke 4:18 (The Spirit... has anointed Me to proclaim good news, liberty, recovery...)
- **Authority that Restores:** Brings freedom, healing, identity.
- **Authority that Redeems:** Turns battlefields into testimonies.

Teaching Note:

We are not conquerors for the sake of conquering—we are ambassadors for the sake of redeeming.

III. The Posture of Redemptive Authority

- **Humility that Serves (John 13)** — Authority flows through humility, not superiority.

- **Compassion that Moves (Matthew 9:36-38)** — Jesus was moved with compassion and released authority.
- **Boldness that Acts (Acts 4:29-31)** — The early church prayed for boldness to move in authority.

Key Statement:

Redemptive authority isn't soft, but it's always surrendered.

IV. How Do We Walk in Redemptive Authority?

Posture	Practice	Example Scripture
Humility	Serve where others control	John 13: Jesus washes feet
Compassion	Move toward brokenness	Matthew 9: Compassion leads to action
Boldness	Declare & act in alignment	Acts 4: Church prays for boldness

Activation Thought:

What I avoid stays broken. What I engage with redemptive authority gets healed.

V. Reflection & Group Activation

Discussion Questions:

- Where have I used authority as control instead of redemption?
- Where is God inviting me to bring His redemptive authority?
- How do I need to posture my heart before I move forward?

Group Activation:

- In pairs: Share one relationship, area, or situation you believe God is calling you to redeem.
 - Declare over each other: *"I bless you to walk in redemptive authority that restores, reconciles, and reclaims."*
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VI. Commissioning Declaration:

- "I carry Kingdom authority...for redemption, not control."
- "I move with boldness and compassion...to release Heaven on earth."

- "I walk in redemptive authority...and nothing will stand against it."
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VII. Practical Weekly Challenge:

- **Morning Declaration:** Choose a relationship or situation and declare over it daily:

"I am sent to redeem, not to control. I walk in redemptive authority today."

- **Testimony Thread:** Invite your people to share breakthrough moments this week where they walked in redemptive authority.
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VIII. Closing Thought:

Authority isn't an end goal—it's a means to bring people and places back under the reign of the King. You don't walk in authority to be powerful; you walk in authority to see redemption.