



Joshua found himself in the middle of a battle, in the middle of the chaos, and prayed a bold prayer; a prayer that doesn't just ask God to move, but a prayer that agrees and stands in the authority God gave us!

1. Joshua 10:12-14 - Joshua's prayer was both prayer and command. He spoke to the Lord, but commanded the sun. Joshua's authority flowed from his intimacy with God and was enforcing what God already promised. This is bold prayer; declaring God's will and heaven moved as the earth agrees with it.
2. Authority isn't arrogance; its agreement. We are agents of heaven on earth, but we can't command what you haven't submitted to. Joshua was under the authority of God and therefore could speak boldly on God's behalf.
3. Bold prayer is warfare and worship. Prayer is not passive; it is how we fight. You are pulling heaven down into your situation. Psalm 46:10 tells us to "stop fighting and know that I am God" - to be still is not weakness, it is strategic positioning to step into the promises of God.
4. New Testament examples of authority in action:
  - a. Peter and John in Acts 3 - healing commanded
  - b. Paul in Acts 16 - deliverance commanded
  - c. Paul in Acts 13 - They spoke in bold alignment; knowing what heaven wanted to do.
5. Paul's Thorn - 2 Corinthians 12:7-9
  - a. Paul asked God to move it rather than commanding it - could he have defaulted to asking instead of activating? Either way - God's response was "My Grace is Sufficient for You". God was reminding Paul that authority is proven when we are surrendered to the Lord.
  - b. Authority must stay rooted in relationship with the Lord.
  - c. Boldness must be anchored in grace.
6. Authority is bigger than healing. It is authority over sin, fear, the enemy, breaking chains through forgiveness, agreement, and the work of ambassadors of heaven. Authority touches every part of your life - it is God's nature and image we get to walk in. It is about living with confidence that God's power flows through us!