

# Faith and Authority

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# What Is Faith?

- ▣ Trust
- ▣ Assent
- ▣ Commitment
- ▣ Heb 11.1, 1 Peter 1.5-9, 1 John 5.4
- ▣ Many other good definitions and uses

## Matthew 8.5-10, 13

- ▣ As he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress.” And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion answered him, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.

## Matthew 8 (cont.)

- ▣ For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith... And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

## Luke 17.5-10

- ▣ The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” And the Lord said, “If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree, ‘Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. “Will any one of you, who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep, say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down at table’?”

## Luke 17 (cont.)

- ▣ Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and gird yourself and serve me, till I eat and drink; and afterward you shall eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what is our duty.'

# Faith Is Authority

- ▣ Centurion's Faith
  - Under Authority
  - In Authority
  - Knew Jesus' Authority
- ▣ Jesus' teaching
  - In Authority
  - Under Authority
  - Jesus gives Authority

# Faith Is Obedience

- ▣ Centurion's Faith
  - A man UNDER authority
    - ▣ He obeys his commanders
  - A man IN authority
    - ▣ Come, Go, Do This
    - ▣ They obey him
  - He knew Jesus had authority to speak healing at a distance
- ▣ Lord, Increase Our Faith
  - Say to the sycamine tree
    - ▣ Move from here to there
    - ▣ It will obey you
    - ▣ IN Authority
  - After working all day, come home and continue to serve your master
    - ▣ Do your duty
    - ▣ UNDER Authority



# The Believer's Authority

- ▣ Jesus saw the centurion's understanding of and proper use of authority and called it great faith
- ▣ Simply knowing your position and authority as a person, a Christian, a medical professional brings increased faith
- ▣ Let's be under authority and know and use wisely our authority in Christ

# Preexistent Authority

- ▣ Authority is defined in the Trinity
- ▣ Authority existed before creation
- ▣ Authority exists for protection and provision
- ▣ Obedience to God is the greatest demand of the scriptures
- ▣ We cannot serve God by going a way of rebellion

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- ▣ Every Disease and Every Infirmity

# Authority of a Medical Professional

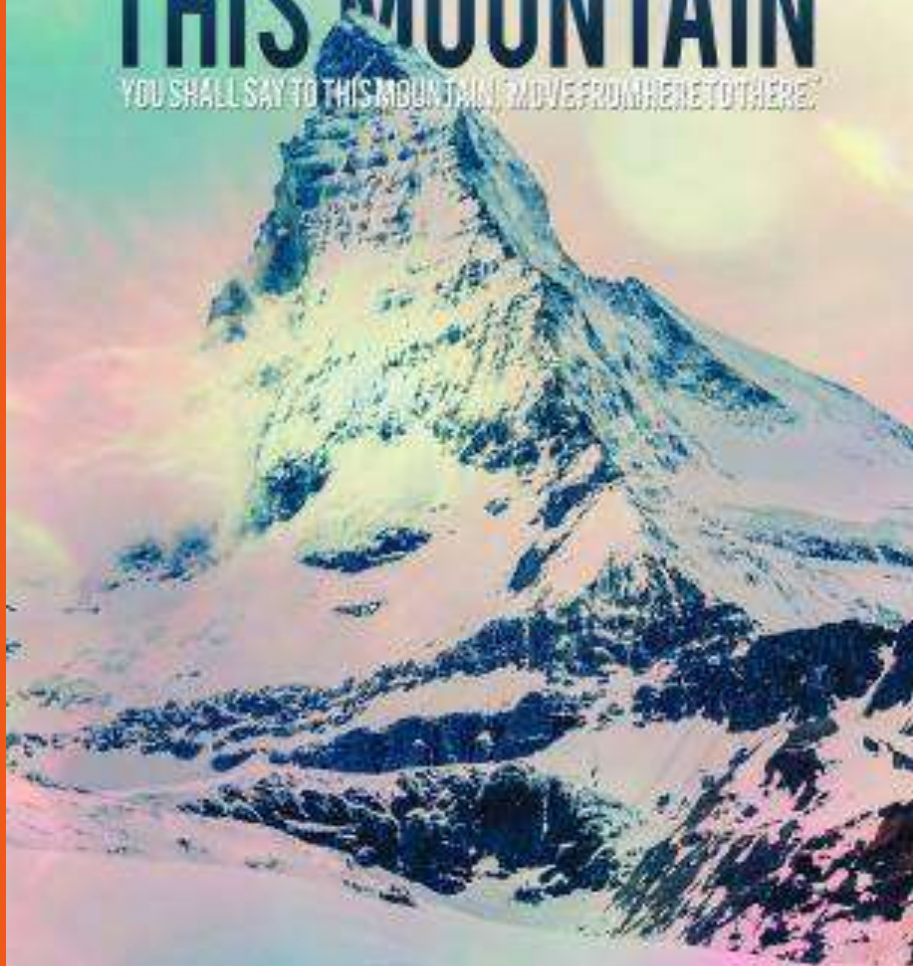
- ▣ Anatomy, physiology, pathology, mechanisms of disease
- ▣ Recommend, provide, and prescribe treatments
- ▣ Natural healing combined with Supernatural healing

# Faith Is Authority

- ▣ Faith is increased
  - When you know who/what you are under and over
  - Faith is obedience to authority
    - ▣ Obey God and those He sets over you
    - ▣ What is under your authority obeys you

# THIS MOUNTAIN

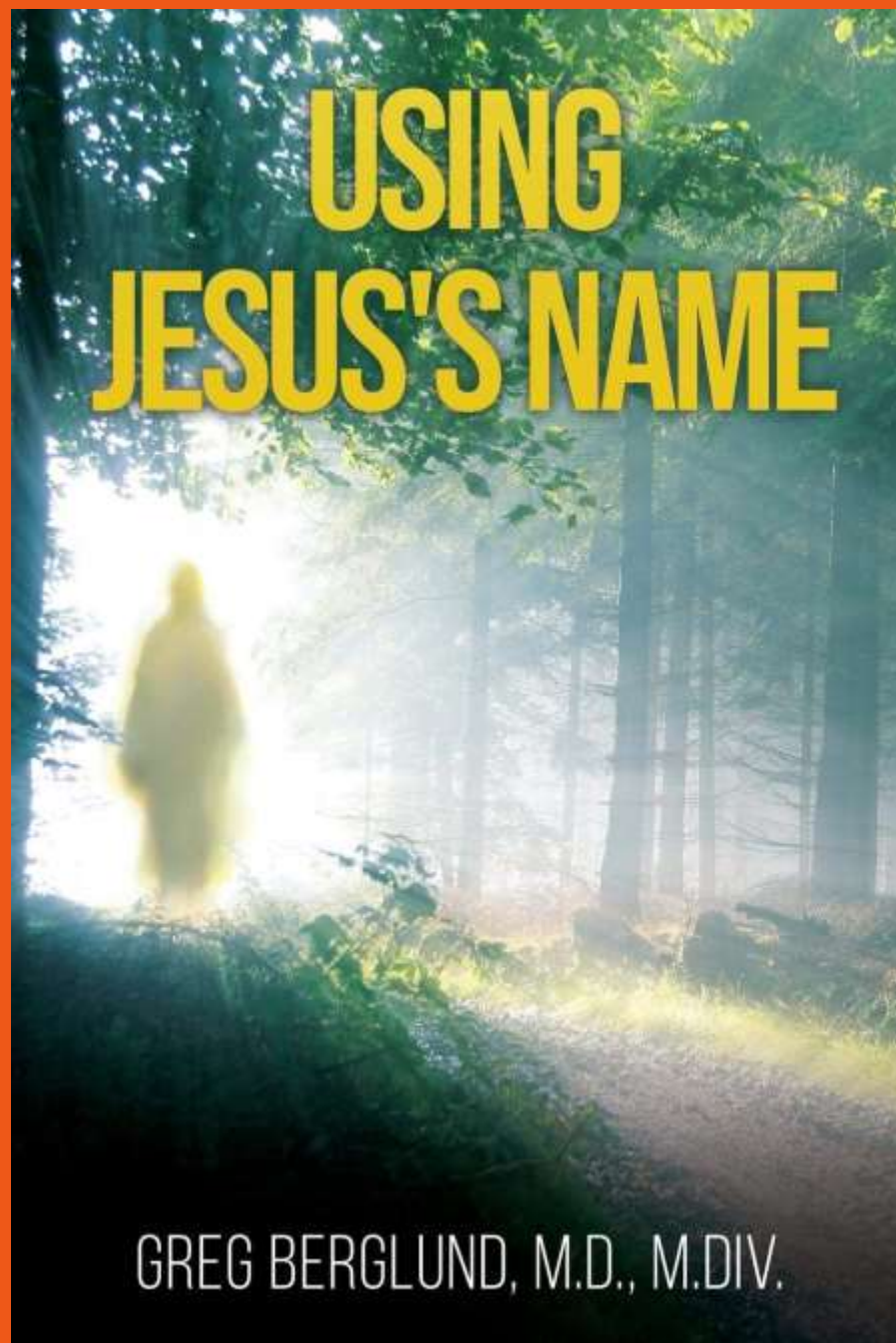
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A PASTOR AND MEDICAL DOCTOR DEFENDS HIS FAITH IN CHRIST BY JESUS AND DISPLAYED BY THE CENTURION, THEN  
CIVILISDBRT IN THE MECHANISM OF DISEASE TO DEBILITATE THE SPECIFIC MOUNTAIN THAT NEEDS TO BE MOVED.

# USING JESUS'S NAME



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# I Give You What I Have

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# Power within Believers

- ▣ Immeasurable – Ephesians 1.16-22
  - ...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is **the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe**, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church.
- ▣ The same power that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in believers – Romans 8.11
  - If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you.



## Acts 3.4-7

- ▣ And Peter directed his gaze at him, with John, and said, “Look at us.” And he fixed his attention upon them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

# “What I Have”

- ▣ Peter and John knew what they had
- ▣ They knew they had the power of the Holy Spirit within
- ▣ They knew God gave healing to them to give to this man
- ▣ They did not say: God's is going to give you what he has.
- ▣ The disciples were told to take nothing with them and then freely give

# “I Give You What I Have”

- ▣ Peter and John knew how to give what they had
- ▣ How? By word of command and touch
- ▣ The lame man was healed because two Spirit filled believers knew what they had and how to give it to him
- ▣ Medical Professionals know about and give the medical stuff
  - Advice, medicines, treatments, and procedures
- ▣ A Spirit filled Christian has the resurrection power of Jesus within and can give this to others

# Know How To Give Spiritual Power

- ▣ You already know some of how to give natural healing powers
- ▣ Spiritual power given by:
  - Touch
  - Lay hands on
  - Speak a word of command
  - Faith in action (Go, wash in the pool; show yourselves to the priests)
  - (Prayer is effective, but this is not the method Jesus and his disciples used)

# Let The Power Out

- ▣ Speak to THIS mountain
- ▣ Be specific: Where is 'here' and 'there'?
- ▣ Electricity analogy
  - We should not question God's will or power to heal
  - Assess the conduit through which healing flows
  - Consider speaking to a different mountain

# Use Your Authority Wisely

- ▣ God most commonly heals through people
  - When believers use the God-given natural and supernatural tools and authority, power goes forth
- ▣ The church often asks God to do what he told us to do
  - Move the mountain; He told us to move it.
  - Know your position
    - ▣ in Christ
    - ▣ in your home, church, workplace
  - Be under authority and use your authority
- ▣ Compassion, Demonstration, Servanthood