

What people are saying about *Believer's Authority*...

I'm excited to recommend *Believer's Authority*. Happy Caldwell really goes to the heart of the matter and lays the foundation for a life of victory, freedom, and total success, with practical, straightforward steps to activate your God-given authority. It's amazing to me that as much as authority is taught in the Bible, very few people ever really experience it, let alone exercise it in their own lives. Why does authority matter? Because once you know who you are and what you can do, Satan has no power over you. As you read this book, you'll be energized and stirred up to enforce the authority you've had all along to tell Satan that he no longer has a right to interfere with anything you do. This book is a life-changer, a must-read for every believer!

—Dr. Jesse Duplantis
Host, *Jesse Duplantis TV show*

I'm glad to recommend *Believer's Authority*. Brother Happy and his wife, Jeanne, have been used of the Lord for decades to lead many people to victory over every kind of problem. Believers who don't know of their authority in Christ, and how to exercise it, are easily overcome and held in bondage to the enemy's many devices. But when the child of God realizes the amazing authorization and empowerment that Jesus, at such great cost, has provided, their oppressed days are over! And when we obtain our own freedom, we can begin to be used by God to set others free, as well. As you read this book, ask the Lord to open your eyes and bring you into an operating knowledge of these wonderful truths.

—Keith Moore
President, Moore Life Ministries

Happy Caldwell is one of the finest teachers in the body of Christ. In his new book, *Believer's Authority*, he outlines principle after principle, line upon line, the truths God's Word teaches us concerning our authority as believers, and the absolute necessity for every believer to exercise that authority. Too many Christians today are allowing the devil to run rampant through their lives. There is a way to live your life in victory, and to beat the devil at every turn. Happy's book will fully equip you to overcome the devil and keep him in the one place he belongs—under your feet. It's the truth you know that sets you free, and Jesus paid the ultimate price

for your freedom. Don't give the devil one more inch of space in your life. Put on the authority Jesus purchased for you. Walk it out, and watch what God will accomplish in you and for you every single day!

—Dr. Jerry Savelle

President, Jerry Savelle Ministries International

I have known Happy Caldwell since 1977. Without any hesitation, I can say that Happy is a man who loves God and lives by His Word. I am so thankful that he has written *Believer's Authority*, because understanding and walking in godly authority is vital to living a life of faith in Jesus Christ, and for fulfilling the call of God upon one's life. This book has blessed me; I know it will bless you, too.

—Pat Harrison

President and founder,

Faith Christian Fellowship International Church, Inc.

Without a doubt, I believe the worst doctrine in the body of Christ today is the fatalistic thinking that God controls everything that happens to us. This leads to passivity and submission to things that are completely outside of God's will for us. Millions of people have turned against a God they think has caused or allowed all the hurt in their lives. The antidote to this wrong thinking is a revelation of the authority God has given every believer. Happy has hit the nail on the head. I've seen the results of what Happy teaches in his life and ministry. It works. It will work for you, too.

—Andrew Wommack

Andrew Wommack Ministries

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to heroes of the faith throughout history who paved the way for today's believers to discover their incredible authority in Christ. Your uncompromising stand on the truth of God's Word has caused a tidal wave of blessings throughout the world.

Thank you!

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All things are possible to him who believes.

—Mark 9:23

WHY AUTHORITY MATTERS

From the beginning of creation to the ministry of Jesus and throughout the church age, there is no message more revolutionary, life-changing, or misunderstood than a believer's authority on the earth. Yet many believers are totally ignorant of the amazing authority God has given them. Most believe they are just hapless pilgrims trudging through the hardships of life. With a philosophy of "God is in control" and "whatever will be, will be," they don't think there's anything they can do to improve their situation.

Perhaps you are among the countless Christians who have adopted this erroneous worldview. Instead of recognizing your rights as a believer, you've embraced predestination or fatalism, assuming you must simply accept your circumstances as God's will for your life. If that dismal mind-set isn't working very well for you, this book may be exactly what you need. God's truth will make you free (see John 8:32) and bring you into a wonderful new life of hope, healing, and provision.

If you search the Scriptures, you will discover that God's desire has *always* been to bless His people. He is a loving heavenly Father, and He has entrusted His divine authority to us as His sons and daughters. This is a central part of our mandate and our commission, and He will judge us accordingly.

From the garden of Eden, where God made man in His image (see Genesis 1:26–28), to the book of Revelation, where He calls us “*kings and priests*” (Revelation 1:6), we see the incredible authority God gave to us as believers. “*We shall reign on the earth*” (Revelation 5:10) is a repeated theme from Adam to Abraham and from Joshua to Jesus.

When Jesus told Peter that He was giving him “*the keys of the kingdom of heaven*” (Matthew 16:19), He was saying, in effect, “I’m giving you authority to operate on the earth like we operate in heaven.” And even Job was taught by God to discard his faulty thinking and receive a miraculous breakthrough of healing and abundance.

Why the Ignorance?

Why are so many believers ignorant of their authority? Many reasons, I’m sure. First, Satan is intent on blinding people’s minds. (See 2 Corinthians 4:4.) If he is unable to keep someone from being saved, he will at least try to keep them from being victorious and fruitful. The devil knows that believers who understand their authority in Christ will pose a major threat to his kingdom.

People have also been blinded and inoculated by religious tradition and erroneous teachings. They’ve been indoctrinated with the hopeless mind-set that everything they encounter in life is God’s will for them. To them, resistance is futile!

And it’s no wonder that this fatalistic outlook is appealing. You see, if everything that happens to us is God’s will, then we are not responsible for the outcome. It’s convenient to blame God rather than acknowledge that many things in life are the direct result of our faith or unbelief, our obedience or disobedience, or whether or not we’ve used our authority as believers.

You’ve probably heard a common statement that is widely believed but totally false: “What you don’t know can’t hurt you.” Over decades of ministry, I’ve seen, over and over again, how tragically misguided this notion is. Every day, countless people are deeply hurt by what they simply didn’t know.

This saddens the heart of Father God, for He wants His people to prosper, be in health, and live in victory in every area of their lives. In His Word, we’re told that “*His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises*” (2 Peter 1:3–4).

What a powerful statement! God has given us “*exceedingly great and precious promises*” in His Word, and these promises are backed up by “*His divine power*.” We don’t have to live as paupers or victims, because He has given us *everything* we need for “*life and godliness*.” Absolutely *nothing* is excluded from “*all things*”! God has given us the right to take authority over *anything* the Enemy sends our way.

This passage also says that God’s amazing promises must be activated in our lives “*through the knowledge of Him*.” The more you get to know your heavenly Father in an intimate way, the more you will be filled with faith and boldness to walk in His authority.

Incredible blessings are available to those who understand how to exercise the authority they have through their union with Christ. Poverty and sickness flee; Satan’s strongholds of despair and hopelessness are cast down; and broken relationships are restored. All because we’ve finally grasped the authority of a believer!

Back to the Beginning

Giving authority to humankind is not some “new” idea. Rather, it was God’s original intent for men and women to be His crowning glory and to exercise authority and dominion over His creation.

From the beginning of creation, God delegated His authority to humankind. He had the right to hold all authority, but He chose to give it to Adam and Eve, the first man and woman:

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”
(Genesis 1:26–28)

After creating us in His image and likeness, God gave us dominion over the earth and everything in it. He told us to “*be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it*.” The psalmist describes our original mandate this way: “*The heaven, even the*

heavens, are the LORD's; but the earth He has given to the children of men" (Psalm 115:16). God made the earth and then gave it to us.

However, the authority given to humankind was *delegated* authority. The only reason Adam and Eve could exercise dominion over the earth was because they were *under* God's authority. As long as they submitted to Him, they could reign and rule over His creation.

"*Dominion*" is a very significant word. The dictionary defines it as "having the power to reign, rule, control, govern, subjugate, and dominate." It means having sovereign authority, similar to what a king exercises over his territory.

The clear message is this: God wants us to "*reign in life*" through our union with Christ (see Romans 5:17), and this means having dominion and victory in every area of our lives. Instead of being far off or out of reach, this is supposed to be the normal Christian life! God gives this amazing promise to each person who walks closely with Him and meditates on the precepts and promises of His Word: "*Whatever he does shall prosper*" (Psalm 1:1–3). Isn't that awesome?

Sabotaged by Unbelief

This life of victory is available to every child of God—but it's not automatic. Many people have been born again, with every right to live an abundant life. Yet their blessings have been forfeited and sabotaged by ignorance or unbelief. God says, "*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge*" (Hosea 4:6).

What if your child is being tormented by a demon, but you insist that you don't believe in that "deliverance stuff"? Instead of taking authority over the demon, you end up medicating your child until he or she can hardly function.

What if you are constantly battling illness of one kind or another due to a spirit of infirmity? In Christ, you have authority over sickness, but will you rise to the occasion and *exercise* your authority as a believer? You don't have to let the devil stomp all over you!

When Satan tries to bring something into your family, take away your health, or steal your finances or your peace, you can take dominion over the situation. Instead of passively accepting the devil's attack, you can tell him, "No you don't, you outlaw spirit. You must get out of here. You have no right or authority in my home, my children, my bank account, or my health. In the name of Jesus, I have authority over you, and you must leave!"

And what if you're battling a spirit such as fear, lust, anger, or depression? Instead of tolerating the situation and resigning yourself, convincing yourself that you'll have to just "live with it," don't you want to have it cast out by someone who has faith in that area? You don't have to settle for less than God's best!

The bottom line is this: Those who don't understand their authority as believers are too often "*destroyed for lack of knowledge*" (Hosea 4:6). But this doesn't have to be the case with you, my friend. God has sent this book your way for a reason. If you grasp your incredible authority in Christ, a tidal wave of blessings will impact your life. And as a bonus, God will transform the lives of your friends and loved ones as you stand in faith on their behalf. (See Genesis 12:2.)

Your Day of New Beginnings

No matter what kind of life you've been living up to this point, today can be a new day—a turnaround day, a day of fabulous new beginnings.

Instead of being intimidated by the problems and obstacles you face, you can see them as wonderful opportunities to use mountain-moving faith. Jesus said that when you understand your authority, "*you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you*" (Matthew 17:20).

Take a minute to read Jesus' statement again, and really let it sink in this time. No matter how fierce a storm you are going through, Jesus says "*nothing will be impossible for you.*" If you are truly a believer today, you can be confident that "*all things are possible to him who believes*" (Mark 9:23).

As you read this book, I pray that your faith will be stirred to rise up and seize the authority you've been given as God's beloved son or daughter. May you see that because God is *for you*, no problem can stand against you. (See Romans 8:31.) May you recognize that wherever your foot shall tread, He has *given you* that ground. (See Joshua 1:3.) And instead of fearing the enemy's attacks, may you go on the *offensive* by taking up "*the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*" (Ephesians 6:17).

It's time for a new generation of believers to arise. Throughout the earth, men and women of God must understand their authority in Christ and start using that authority in their daily lives. That's why I wrote this book.

So fasten your seat belt and get ready for an exciting, life-changing journey of faith!