

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY – RESTORED IN CHRIST

Filled, Sent, and Accountable

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OVERVIEW

In this message, Chad walks through Luke 4, Luke 9, Luke 10, Matthew 28, Acts 1, and Matthew 25 to answer three defining questions:

Who has sent us?

How has He equipped us?

Who will we give an account to?

Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus was sent with authority.

Jesus then gave that authority and assignment to His disciples.

The Great Commission was never meant to become the great suggestion.

We are not filled with a feeling — we are filled with a Person.

And because of that, we are sent.

One day, we will give an account.

HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

Hear → Answer → Act

Each section begins with a focus statement drawn directly from the sermon.

Read the Scripture aloud. Let the Bible answer the questions.

The goal is not inspiration alone — but obedience.

Open your Bible. Go to the text. Let Scripture shape your thinking.

SECTION 1 — FILLED, NOT A FEELING

Focus:

“We are not filled with a thing. We are filled with a Person.”

Read:

Luke 4: 1, Romans 8: 11 and Acts 1: 8

Respond:

1. In Luke 4: 1, what marked the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry?
If Jesus did not begin ministry until He was filled and led, what does that imply about how we should begin ours?
2. According to Romans 8: 11, who dwells in the believer?
If the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, what does that reveal about the kind of power available to you?
3. In Acts 1: 8, what does Jesus say happens when the Holy Spirit comes upon you?
If power is connected to being witnesses, what does that tell us about the purpose of Holy Spirit power?

Reflect:

- Where have I been waiting to “feel” powerful instead of trusting the Person within me?
 - What situation in my life currently requires me to rely on Holy Spirit power instead of emotion?
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SECTION 2 — SENT WITH AUTHORITY

Focus:

“He sent them.”

Read:

Luke 9: 1–2, Luke 10: 1–2 and Matthew 28: 18–20

Respond:

1. What did Jesus give the disciples in Luke 9: 1?
If Jesus gave them power and authority, what does that reveal about how He intends His disciples to operate — passive or empowered?
2. What were they sent to do in Luke 9: 2?
If they were sent to preach and to heal, what does that show about the nature of the Kingdom they were representing?
3. According to Matthew 28: 18–20, why are we commanded to go?
If all authority belongs to Jesus, what responsibility does that place on those who call Him Lord?

Reflect:

- Have I treated the Great Commission as optional?
 - Where is God currently sending me — workplace, school, neighborhood, family?
 - What would it look like to see myself as “apostelloed” into that space?
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SECTION 3 — THE KINGDOM HAS COME NEAR

Focus:

“The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

Read:

Luke 10: 8–9 and Luke 10: 17–20

Respond:

1. Why were the disciples told to declare that the Kingdom of God had come near?
If they were carrying the message and the demonstration of the Kingdom, what does that reveal about what happens when believers enter a place?
2. What authority did Jesus affirm in Luke 10: 19?
If Jesus has given authority over the power of the enemy, how should that shape the way we view spiritual opposition?
3. What did Jesus say should be our greater source of joy?
If our names being written in heaven is greater than power over demons, what does that teach us about identity versus performance?

Reflect:

- Do I recognize that when I enter a room, the Kingdom is present because Christ is in me?
 - Where have I been more impressed with the enemy's power than confident in Christ's authority?
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SECTION 4 — DISTRACTION VS. MISSION

Focus:

"I'm not trying to win a Facebook argument. I'm trying to win an eternal soul."

Read:

Matthew 24: 4–14

Respond:

1. What warnings does Jesus give about the last days in Matthew 24: 4–14?
If deception, offense, and lawlessness increase, how might those pressures affect believers who are not grounded in the mission?
2. According to verse 14, what must happen before the end comes?
If the gospel must be preached in all the world as a witness, what does that clarify about the Church's primary assignment?
3. How can cultural distractions pull believers away from their mission?
If Jesus warned not to be troubled or deceived, what distractions today compete with preaching the gospel of the Kingdom?

Reflect:

- Where have I been louder about my opinions than about the gospel?
 - What distractions are competing with my calling?
 - What would refocusing on eternal souls change in my daily conversations?
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SECTION 5 — ACCOUNTABLE

Focus:

“After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts.”

Read:

Matthew 25: 14–19 and Romans 14: 11–12

Respond:

1. What did the master do when he returned in Matthew 25?
If the master settled accounts with each servant, what does that reveal about how seriously God views what He entrusts to us?
2. According to Romans 14: 12, who will give an account — and to whom?
If each of us gives an account of ourselves to God, how does that shape the way we think about obedience and responsibility?
3. In Matthew 25, what was entrusted to each servant?
What has God entrusted to you — influence, gifting, opportunity — and how are you currently using it?

Reflect:

- If I stood before Jesus today, what would I say about how I used what He gave me?
 - Have I buried anything He entrusted to me?
 - What step of obedience do I need to take now?
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UNIFIED PRACTICE FOR THE WEEK

This week, we live intentionally as those who are filled, sent, and accountable.

Step 1 — Identify the Assignment

Ask the Lord what your assignment is for the day, and even the week.

Write down one specific person or place.

Step 2 — Agree With Truth

Read aloud: Matthew 28: 18–20 and Acts 1: 8

Say: “I am filled with the Holy Spirit. I am sent by Jesus. I carry authority.”

Step 3 — Take One Spirit-Led Action

Jesus was filled and led — then He went.

Ask the Holy Spirit, where He is sending you this week?

Do not wait for a feeling. Move when He prompts.

Choose one step of obedience as Holy Spirit leads you:

- Speak when He highlights someone.
- Pray when He nudges you.
- Share when He opens the door.
- Obey even if you feel inadequate.

We are not self-sent. We are Spirit-sent.

Step 4 — Prepare for Accountability

Before the week ends, ask:

“If I had to give an account for this week, would I?”

Then respond accordingly.